Abstracts of Letters received by the Society.

Thursday. 21st June. 1716.

4833. **John Hilldrop** at Marlborough Wilts. 16. June. encloſing a Letter from M^{r}. I. Broſsier at Broad=hinton to him of the 19th of May ſignifying that he had found means to raiſe a Charity School in that place for 20. poor Children, upon doing which the Society had been pleas'd to promiſe by a Lett^{r}. in Octob^{r}. last, that a Pacq^{t}. of their books ſh^{d}. be preſented to the School, and therefore he deſires they may be putt in mind of beſtowing that favour.

4834. **Willm. Nevar** at Wellsborough Kent. 16. June. Thankin the Society for the Packet he had receiv'd; there being nothing elſe material in ~~the~~ his Letter.

4835. **Tho. Collins** at Swanzy Glamorgansh. 11th June In Anſwer to the Society's Circular Letter, that he had made a diligent Enquiry after the Society's last Yearly Packet, but can hear nothing of it from either of the four Cardiff Boats.

4836. **Peter Lavigne** at Kenſington Midd^{x}. 13th June. Encloſing Accounts of the preſent State of the Subſcriptions & Collections for the Charity Schools at Kenſington & Covent Garden. That at Kenſington the Subſcriptions

Sch. & an. are . . . . £.186"10"6.
Beside the 80.l. given by ye King . . . 80"-"-
Making in all . . . . 266"10"6.
That the Private Gifts to that School since ye beginning of it amount to . . £.228"9:8
Collections at Charity Sermons from ye beginning to X^{tmas}. 1715 } . . 885"18"-¼
£. 1114:7:-¼
That there are 40. Boys and . . . 30. Girls } Cloathed.
And 41. Boys & 28. Girls put out Apprentices &c^{a}. since the beginning.

Orders given by the Society upon reading Letters.

Answ.^d 8. July. Order'd that a Packet to the value of 10. Shillings be sent to Mr Hilldrop for Mr Brossier as he desires.

NB. To enquire by whom his Packet was sent.

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That at Covent Garden the Subscriptions p An. amount to about . . . . . . } 129 " – " –

That y^e Gifts & Legacys to this School last Year were 161 " – " 6
but from y^e begining, being computed, they amount to . 424 : 7 : 10^d

That there are 30. Boys & 20. Girls Cloathed. And
That there have been put out apprentices from y^e begin=
=ing of the Schools . . . { 36. Boys, and
{ 3. Girls

4837. Anthony Biddulph at Ledbury Herefordsh. 15. June
In anſwer to the Society's Circular Letter. That the School there was built & endow'd by Mrs. Hall about 11. Years since, and 24. Childn. have been taught in it for about 7. Years past. That the Income of the School will not reach to Cloath the Children, and the great Poverty of the Parent obliges them to take their Children away as soo as ever they can read, in order to do Somthing for the Support of their families; so that they come to the School very Young, and leave it by that time they are 11. Years Old, before they are fit to be taken apprentices. That this Year 2. Girls and 1. Boy have been put out by their Parents. That some Bibles and Common Prayer Books have been distributed among the Schollars, and it is deſign'd that some Whole Dutys of Man shall be also given to them.

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The Society order'd the following Letter to be enter'd verbatim, and the Translation of it.

Viri Illustres, Maxime Reverendi
et Maxime Honorabiles
Patroni demiſſi animi cultu atque obsequio
proſequendi.

4838. Vestra paterna consilia, pia desideria, divina Solatia Vestræ ad indefeſſam industriam in munere hoc administrando sinceræ excitationes, et ad prudentiam

Theologicam

A Translation of the Rev.d Mr John Ernest Grundler's Letter from Tranqueba dated 28th August. 1715. N S.

Illustrious Reverend & Honorable Sirs, Patrons worthy of the greatest respect and Obedience

Your Paternal Counsels, Pious wishes, & Divine Consolations, your sincere Excitements to an indefatigable Industry in the exercise of our Function, Your necessary

Exhortations

Theologicam in Omnibus Negotiis & actionibus Noſtris Studioſe — adhibendam Neceſsariæ adhortationes, in Veſtris gratiſsimis XXIV. Decembris. V. S 1714. datis, Nobis animitus Suppeditatæ, multum gaudii. fortitudinis Solatiique Animis Noſtris attulerunt, — probe Scientes, VOS Patroni benevoli, easdem idcirco Nobis — communicaſse, ut quotidie a Domino Magis armati ad Magnum hoc prœlium Dei Omnipotentis accedamus, in hoc munere recte gerendo inculpati verſemur, et — Majore emolumento illud perficiamus. Verum est, qui Miſsionis expeditionem ſucipit, eum Magnum Mare — Moleſtiarum & afflictionum ingredi, cujus tamen — omnes tempeſtates & fluctus immota fidei ac Spei Salutatis rupes tandem infringit.

Quam ad imprimendos libros charta aliisque ſimilibus — laboraremus, opportune adfuit cum Navibus Anglicis munus Veſtrum chartaceum, nempe quinquaginta quinque charta Scapi, & munus argenteum nempe triginta libræ, una — cum libris diverſi idiomatis aliisque Acceptiſsimis donis Deo optimo humillimas agimus gratias, qui facit, ut ex cordibus Veſtris quaſi ex amoris fonte, ea beneficia ſemper Nobis — affluant, quibus ad rem feliciter gerendam Nobis — Magnopere opus est Utinam iis Omnibus ad verum ſcopum, quod est gloria Dei & Chriſti ſui in hominum ſalutem redundans

Duo hæc Monita de converſatione cum Ethnicis — crebrius, inſtituenda, & de Bibliorum verſione, ut nimirum ſumma cum deliberatione & in illo Negotio procedamus Maxime ſunt Momento sed abſente jam meo Collega D^no. Ziegenbalgio ceſsant ea propter varios publicos & privatos labores

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Exhortations to the use of that prudence in our whole conduct affor
to us in your most acceptable Letter dated December the 24: 1714 greatly rejoyced Strengthen'd, and solac'd our minds, we being well assured that you most kind patrons communicated them to us, to the End that we may manfully go through the good fight of ffaith dayly Encreasing in divine Strength, and faithfully discharge the great trust committed to us so as to finish it with Joy

Its true indeed, that whoever undertakes the charge of a Missionary has a world of troubles and Hazzards to encounter, But yet as great and Numerous as they are, a Stedfast faith and unshaken hope in the Rock of our Salvation will at length dissipate them.

Just as we began to labour under some difficulties in our printing by reason of the charge of paper, and other Expences for Materialls for that purpose, the English ships brought us your present of paper) viz. 55: Rheims, 30£ in money and Books in Several Languages besides other very acceptable presents. God be praised, who so influences your hearts that from them as a Fountain of love we receive a perpetual Influx of those good things our circumstances so much require in Order to the carrying on our affairs with comfort. They are all employed to their proper end, namely the Glory of God and his christ in promoting the Salvation of Souls.

your two admonitions, whereof one relateth to a more frequent Converse with the Heathens, and the other to that Exactness which is required for framing a Sound Translation of the divine Oracles into the Pagan Language, are of the greatest Importance. But during the absence of my ffellow Labourer Mr Ziegenbalg by reason of the variety of publick and private Labours

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in administrando opere instruendos Interim tamen non intermisi plane colloquium cum Ethnicis, neque inter legendum Novum Testamentum Malabaricum ad loca notanda & emendanda fui segnis exoptatissime in hunc usum venerunt Auctores illi, quibus a Vobis hac vice donati sumus Et bina monita sedulo exsecuturi sumus, si supremus rerum humanarum arbiter, Deus, Nostro Rev.do Ziegenbalgio felicem ad nos concesserit reditum

Consentio plene Vobiscum, Viri Illustres quod magis proficuum Vobis videatur prelo Malabarico præcipue uti; sed non plane velim dicere linguam Lusitanam parum esse idoneam ad opus Missionis promovendum Experientia octo annorum Nos docet, & hanc linguam esse necessariam, licet non æque sit necessaria uti Malabarica Notavimus hanc differentiam in Historica Nostra Narratione Halæ typis impressa p 300. ubi scripsimus: ad hanc metam deproperandam, prout loci ratio postulat, duæ diversæ linguæ necessariæ sunt, Damulica, vulgo Malabarica dicta, quæ præcipua & Lusitana. Deinde Malabarica juventus minime linguam Lusitanam hanc ob causam discit, ut in illa principia Christianismi imbibat, in addiscendis enim doctrinis Christianis utitur sua vernacula: tantummodo eam apprehendit ad conversandum & correspondendum cum aliis Nostra Schola Lusitana constat jam 24. liberis, quos inter nec unus discipulus Est Damulus. Isti vel ex Mixtura Europæorum

cum Indianis

which lye wholly upon me, I am obliged to omitt them In mean time I have not wholey Neglected to converse with the Heathen, neither have I been unmindfule of inspecting, and correcting the Malabaric Version of the New Testament, where I have found it defitient or faulty. Those Excellent Authors, you were pleased to send us this last time, came very opportunely and were of great Service to me therein. But we shale constantly observe these cautions if God the great disposer of Humane affairs pleases to grant our Reverend Mr. Ziegenbalg a safe and happy return to us.

I agree with you Sirs, that the Study of the Malabar Language and the frequent printing of Books in the Same is far More conducive for the Propagation of the Gospel in those parts, than the Portuguese Tongue can pretend to: But then I cannot quite cast off the latter as altogeather Useless in this Undertaking, Eight years Experience has fully Satisfied me that this Language is Necessary tho not altogether so Necessary as the Malabaric. and we have hinted as Much in our Historical account printed at Hale Page the 300 in these words. and in Order to the More expeditious carrying on this design, according as the Nature requires, two different Languages are Necessary viz The Damulian, or Vulgar Malabaric, in the first place and the Portuguese. Moreover the Malabaric youth never Learn the Portuguese Language as that wherein they are to imbibe the principle of Christianity: for every one learns the principles of the Christian Religion in his mother tongue the other they Understand only so far as is Necessary for conversation and Correspondence with others. Our Portuguese School consists of 24 Children, and not one of em a Malabarian. They are either a Mixture of Europeans with

Indians

Indianis, vel de Lusitanis ipsis sunt nati, vel etiam de Mixtura Europaeorum locis huc allati, qui Omnes in sua vernacula, quae Lusitana lingua est, instituendi sunt, ut nihil jam dicam de adultis in Ecclesia. Accedit — institutio Hollandorum, qui Palleacattae & Nagapatnae in hoc littore Cormandelino suas habent Ecclesias in hac lingua quibus praeest catecheta Lusitanus sub inspectione Pastoris — Hollandici

Consilio Vestro, ut Europaeorum unus & alter ad anglicam linguam probe discendam se applicaret, tali Modo satisfeci, ut de Nostra Lusitana Schola discipulorum unum elegerim ad — mittendum eum Madraspatnam in hunc finem, ut in aedibus Rev.di Dni Stevenson & in Anglica Schola intra biennium dictam linguam probe disceret. Communicanti mihi hoc consilium plurimum laudandus Stevenson, respondit, in domum meam libenter excipiam discipulum quemvis de Schola vestra De expensis miror quod inquiras. hae quaecunque fuerint, meo nomine fiunt Magnum sane huic Vero Reverendo — debeo: ad praestanda enim officia & ad manus auxiliatrices in gerendo Dei opere mihi prebendas est promtissimus ac in suppeditandis consiliis mihi, amicissimus Exoptatissimis. — effectus nonficata ejus amicitiae hoc anno erga nos exhibitae Vos metipsi Omni Animi gaudio deprehendetis

De Schola Damulica Madraspatnae erigenda fore Nescio quid concludam. Nobil. Domino Gubernatori ibi Nostra ad haec non arrident Tentavi hoc pium propositum per Rev.dum Stevenson, qui mihi respondit: Honorabilis
„ Noster Gubernator non plane damnat illud, sed
„ Objectiunculas & difficultates. de super eo proponebat.

Tandem

Indians or Native Portuguese, or else [illegible] bought from Bengale and other parts of the Indies who are all in their Native Language or the Portuguese not to Men now our adult Converts. There is a New Institution amon the Dutch at palleacatta and Nagapatnam upon the Co of Cormandel where they have Large Congregations of this Language under the care of a Portuguese Catechist — inspected by a Dutch divine

I have so far answered your Appointment, as to Some Europeans applying themselves to learn the English Tongue, so as to Understand it tolerably well, that I choos a Boy out of the Portuguese School to Send to Madrasspatnam Supposing — that, in two years time, in Mr. Stevensons House and the English School, he may in a good Measure, understand the Language. Speaking of this design to the worthy Mr. — Stevenson, He answered I'll freely take any Boy, you shall please to send, out of your School, into my house. I wonder you should talk of the charges Let them be what they will, — take you no care; I'll be responsible for them. Truly I am wonderfully Obliged to that Reverend Gentleman. He is very ready upon any Occasion to assist me in my Duty, and — carrying on the work of the Lord, and as a most faithful friend, willing at any time to Supply me with good Council and advise.

I Scarcely know what to say as to the Erecting the Malabarick School at Madrasspatna, our proceeding don't as yet greatly please the Governour. I made use of Mr. Stevensons Interest with him in order to promote this pious design. who answered me that His Honour does not wholly condemn the design. — only he Started Several petty objections and difficulties about it.

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„ Tandem autem dicebat, litteras ex Europa esse expectandas,
ex quibus consilium Honorandæ Societatis in Anglia -
forsan percipi possit. Successit igitur ex sententia, quod -
litteræ vestræ commendatitiæ iterum ad Nob. Dn. Gubernatorem
cæterosque consiliarios subsecutæ sint. Scripsit enim —
Memoratus Dn. Gubernator Madraspatnensis paucos ante
dies ad Nostrum Honorabilem Gubernatorem: Missionariorum
vestrorum amici in Anglia Societati Nostræ Indiæ —
Orientalis institutæ eorum strenue recommendarunt, -
Multique regni proceres maximi ponderis huic Missioni
favent. Faxit Deus, ut posteriores Vestræ litteræ majoris
sint effectus, quam priores 2. Febr 1713. datæ. Promisit Noster
Rev^{dus} Stevenson, se sub finem hujus anni me invisere —
velle, partim ad cernendum disciplinæ Nostræ ordinem, —
partim ad colloquium (quod mihi in multis necessarium
videtur) mecum instituendum. Quapropter consilium
de schola erigenda merito usque ad hunc fraternum
conventum differimus. Interim non deerunt Pædagogi e
Nostris, qui huic muneri bono cum fructu præesse possunt

De Mixtura Dogmatum, quam veremini, de
opinionibus singularibus, de controversiis & speculationibus
inutilibus, de variorum Auctorum opinionibus, de historiis
profanis, emblematibus aliisque humanæ eloquentiæ coloribus
Vos certiores facimus nos ab hoc fermento penitus -
abhorrere, omni animi nisu operam dantes, ut
simplex & pura, quam Spiritus Dei docet &
fidelium Dei servorum scripta indicant, sit
divini

But at last he said, Letters were Shortly Expected from Europ from which perhaps he might receive advice concerning the resolution of the Honnoble Company in England, about the affair. It proved according to expectation. Your Commendatory Letters came to the Governour and the rest of the Counsel For being reminded of it afterward he immediately writ to our Honnoble Governour to this Effect: The correspondents of your Missionaries have greatly recomended their design to the East India Company in England and many Peers of the Realm, and those too of considerable Note, favour their undertaking.

May God grant that your Next Letter may have better effect than your last bearing date Feb: 28. 1713. The Rev.^{d} M^{r}. Stevenson has promised me a Visit about the close of this year, partly out of a desire to See our method of Discipline, and partly (which I think very necessary upon Several accounts to confer with me. Wherefore, and that not without reason, I have deferr'd our purpose concerning Erecting the School tile that time. In the mean time we are provided of Schoolmasters of our Own, Suffitiently qualifyed to manage the affair to advantage.

We assure you that we are averse to all heats and disputes concerning the Mixture of Doctrin that we fear, - concerning private opinions, controversies and improfitable Speculations, the various Sentiments of Authors, profane Histories, Emblems and other flowers of Humane Eloquence, and make it our principle care to render our Explications of Scripture pure Simple, and intelligable, Such as the Divine Spirit teaches and the writings of Gods faithful Servants countenance and bear Testimony to. This true Sense

divini verbi explicatio sensusque verus non ex spinosis Scholasticorum philosophantium commentis, sed ex ipsius Sacræ Scripturæ collatione petatur. Sequimur per omnia & præ omnibus Dei Spiritum ipsum, qui quid fugiendum aut sequendum, quid utile quid rejiciendum sit, semper sua illuminatione divina indicat. Quia autem proh dolor, circumcirca in hoc littore circumcincti sumus cum falsis Papæ Evangelistis qui vivo verbo Dei suppresso insulsa humani ingenii deliria superstitiosis hominibus obtrudant, talia quavis occasione ob damni magnitudinem ea qua par est Evangelica sinceritate, detegimus, & animi moderatione reprehendimus.

Scimus Viri Maxime Honorabiles, granum nobis sinapeos ex manu Dei commissum esse in horto Domini seminandum. Is qui dedit semen nobis seminantibus benignissime huc usque providit & divinum suum incrementum ita dedit, ut hoc anno viginti quatuor animas ex infidelium numero lucrati simus, quæ jam cum prioribus inter ramos arboris vitæ, quæ est JESUS CHRISTUS, nidulantur. Fatemur, nos post tot annorum laborem nondum ex voto nostro videre tantos fructus, quos animitus optamus, sed scimus, quod primum hoc nostrum tempus sit hora seminandi, simus modo fideles & indefessi, verbum quod ponit Deus in os nostrum, vacuum non revertetur, faciet ad quod missum fuerit, atque is, teste Christo, qui seminat, una cum messore coelesti gaudio fruetur.

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Senſe of Gods word is not to be found in the perplext and Crabbed Commentaries of the Schoolmaster and Philosophers, but by a diligent comparing of Scripture with Scripture, we always have recourse to, and are directed by, the divine Spirit, who by his Illumination teaches us what we ought to flee, and what to Embrace, what is profitable and what despicable. And Since we are on all hands compaſsed about by the false Emiſsaries of the Pope; who, casting away the word of God, obtrude the fond and childish Deliriums and Dotages of Humane wit and Invention, upon unthinking Superſtitious perſons, we take all Occaſions, knowing the great damage such person Sustain from these Deceivers, to detect them with a becoming Christian Sincerity and to reprehend them with Moderation.

We know, most Honnourable Patrons, that God has delivered to us the Grain of Mustard Seed, to be sown in his Garden, and he that gave the Seed has hitherto provided for the Sowers, and has so given his divine increaſe that we have this year gained from Infidelity 24 Souls. who are now lodged among the Branches of the Tree of Life Christ Jeſus We confeſs indeed that after so many years Labour, we dont See, as yet such fruit of it as we could heartily wish for But we know that this is the Seed time. Let us therefore be faithful and Indefatigable. The word which God has put in our Mouth will not return again Empty, but will answer the End for which it was Sent, and, to uſe the words of our Bleſsed Lord, he that Sows and he that reaps shall rejoyce together.

Moreover

Nolo Vos ignorare, Viri Maxime Venerandi, praeter Nostras Ordinarias Scholas ante quatuor menses nos instituisse Novam Damulicam Scholam in usum juventutis Malabaricae, considerante me juventutem Damulicam melius et fructuosius posse instrui in Christianorum quam in Ethnicorum Scholis, proponebam mentem meam primum quibusdam Nostrae Ecclesiae Membris et postmodum, Nobilissimo Nostro Gubernatori. Consentientibus primis, & adepta ex ultimo licencia, concipiebam Ordinem nexumque instituendae Scholae. eumque impressis typis affigebam templo & domui nostrae. Schedulam legentium multi haesitarunt, multi optatam hanc Occasionem animi gaudio arripientes ad Novum hoc institutum miserunt suos liberos, quorum Numerus huc usque praeter meam Spem & opinionem, in Septuaginta crevit; quibus in duabus cameris tres Paedagogi Christiani docendo praesunt. Ejusmodi Christianos ludos litterarios inter Ethnicos aperiri expedit, in quibus a teneris Christum imbibat Indorum adolescentia.

In typographeo Nostro & alteram Novi Testamenti partem idiomate Malabarica bono cum Deo ad finem perduximus. Distractis etiam omnibus exemplaribus Catechismi Minoris cum Ordine Salutis idiomate Damulico & omnibus exemplaribus libelli elementaris idiomate Lusitano, hos duos libellos denuo impressimus. Postea Nobis in Animo erat prelo Damulico subjicere Theologiam, transfusam secundum Salutarem Methodum, qua B. Spencerus in Sua Theologia Thetica usus est. Sed charta Nostrae penuria illud ad tempus impediebat.

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Moreover be pleased to understand, most Revd. Patrons beside our Ordinary Schools, we purposed about 4 Months ago to Erect a New Damulian School for the Use of the Malabaric youth. When I considered that the Malabaric children might be better instructed in the Christian than Heathen Schools; I communicated my thoughts to certain Members of our Church, and afterwards to the Honble the Governour. The former concurring with me and having obtained leave of the latter, I immediately writ the orders for the School and getting it soon printed We fix'd it up upon the Church gate and at our House; Many that Read the proposalls hesitated and many on the other hand Joyfully Embraced the desired opportunity and sent their Children to the New School, which Contrary to my Expectation are Encreased to the Number of 70 who are taught in two Chambers by 3 Christian School Masters. Its very proper that Such Schools should be Erected among the Heathen wherein the Indian Youth may imbibe Christian principles in their Childhood.

We have by Gods help printed of the remaining part of the New Testament in the Malabaric Language for the benefit of the Malabarians And whereas the Short Catechism and Means of Salvation in the Malabaric Language, as also the Little Book of principles in the Portuguese Tongue are all dispersed abroad and dispos'd of, we have Reprinted em.

After that we had a design to send a Divine Treatise to the press, translated according to the Excellent method which B. Spencerus us'd in his Theologia Thetica, which design Scarcity of Paper obliged us to defer tile a nother opportunity should offer it self. But that we might keep the printer from Idleness in the Mean time;

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Nunc impreſsor interea plane obieretur, Summam credendorum & agendorum uti eam Summe Vendus Noster Praeceptor Dnus Franckius in Sua idea Studioſi Theologiae pag 71. Seqq annotavit, a nobis in idiomate Lusitano translatem impreſsimus Sub titulo A verdadeira Religião, De quolibet horum libellorum unum Exemplar Rev.^{dus} Noster Stevenſon in Suo faſciculo Vestro digniſsimo coetui exhibiturus est charta quae a Vobis donati Sumus, jam Madraspatna mari huc delata est, cui dictam Theologiam Novis istis typis imprimere inchoabimus, qui tertio insculpti & fuſi Sunt, ac primum inter & Secundum typum mediam magnitudinem exhibent.

Deus ter Optimus hoc Anno providentia Sua divina nobis benigniſsime adfuit. Nostrorumque in Nestra paupertate beneficam habuit rationem ac paternalem curam Dominus enim pauperes nos fecit & iterum ditavit, humiliavit & Sublevavit meministis quidem in Vestris digniſsimis navis cujusdam Danicae Sperantes quod jam dudum per ejus appulsum aliqua ex parte Sublevati fuerimus: Sed in hunc usque diem navis hujus appulsum frustra Speravimus Tametsi tali ratione paupertatem non exiguam pertulimus, tandem benigniſsimus Deus uberrimis Suis beneficijs jam ex Europa Nostram Sublevavit egestatem, Nosque benedictione Sua cumulatione ditavit advenerunt enim cum vestra nave 280. libri adjecto alio quodam dono 307. Pagodis conſtante. ac in urbe Columbo jacent de dama 3000. thaleri huic operi Neceſsario usui Sic Dominus ditavit & Sublevavit.

Acerbum illud odium, quod Papistarum cohors in India & imprimis Pontificum Satellites Jesuita adversus hanc Protestantium Miſsionem

gerunt

we printed in Portuguese a Summary of the Principles an
precepts of Christianity under the title of Averdadeira Religião Franciscius published in his Idea Studiosi Theologiæ page 71. The Reverend Mr. Stevenson will transmi a Copy of each of these Books in the Packet which he Sends to the Honnourable Society, The paper you Sent us is already brought hither from Madraspatna by Sea upon which we have begun to print the above Mentioned Treatise in a New Character, The Types have been thrice altered and the Character they now imprint is of a Size between the first and Second.

The Great God has been wonderfully gracious to us this year, mercifully preserving us under the protection of his providence: and in our poverty has shewed his paternal care and regard for us. The Lord made us poor and has again Enrich'd us he brought us down and has lifted us up. You make Mention in your kind Letters; of a Danish Ship which you hop'd had long Since in Some Measure relieved us. But we have as yet in vain waited its arrival.

Although by Such disappointments as these we have been reduced to very great Streights: yet our Good God has at length relived our want and poverty by this plentiful Supply from Europe; and of his Beneficience on a Sudden Enrich'd us: for your Ship brought us 280£ besides an additional Sum consisting of 307 Pagodes; and at the City Columbus. 3000 Dollars lie ready for us, which wile be of great Service to us in carrying on this affair.

The Papists in India bear a mortal hatred against this protestant Settlement and Espetialey the popish Missionaries

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[illegible], opere pretium esse paucis declarare. Acerrimus cert
aculeus est in oculis Romanorum hac Missio Protestantiam
in India propterea hinc inde veritatem Evangelicam typis
Damulias impressam, ac coetum Evangelicum ex Gentibus
congregatum obtrectationibus suis foedissimis valde commacul
conantur. At beati sumus, cum maledixerint nobis homine
& persecuti nos fuerint, & dixerint omne malum adversum
Nos, Mentientes. Jesuita in Nostra urbe intactam quidem sinit nostra
Damulicam Novi Testamenti versionem, nec etiam intelligit eam
sed eo magis sua tela veneno calumniarum illita emittit
tum verbis tum scriptis contra nos ipsos & eos Nostro
coetui donatos. In urbe Pontischery ex colegio —
Jesuitarum unus dixerat in Nostra versione Novi
Testamenti Damulica multos inveniri errores. Me ex
certa narratione hoc audito, quaerebam ex eo in literis —
meis XIII.° May 1715. ad eum datis. Quum in hunc usque
„ diem ejusmodi errores mihi lateant, verbis amicis
„ te rogo, ut mihi referas ea loca (: Exceptis erratis —
„ typographicis :) quae tibi non videntur secundum —
„ textum fideliter transfusa: facies certe mihi rem
„ Acceptissimam sed conferas quaeso primum exquisite —
„ Nostram versionem non cum vestra vulgata tantum,
„ sed imprimis cum fonte graeco, & spero futurum esse
„ ut ea quae tibi antea fuerint errata, evadant in fidelem
„ translationem. Ad haec nondum legi ejus responsionem
cum errorum catalogo; Quum hanc detrectationem laudando
Dño Stevenson communicarem, respondit: „ Malignam —
Jesuitarum iram & violentiam non miror. Quod dicit Christus
Judaeis, Jesuitis optime convenit: Illi enim ex patre —
diabolo sunt, & cupiditates (: vel desideria —

patris

the Jesuits of which think, it may be proper to Mention some late Instances. We are indeed a Sharp thorn in the Eyes of those of the Roman Communion in the Indies, and hence tis that they use their Utmost Endeavour to blacken and cast an Odium upon the Gospel printed at Malabar, and the Christian flock we have Gathered from among the Heathen, But Bleſsed are we while men Speak evil of us, and persecute us, and say all manner of Evill against us falsly. The Jesuits here does not meddle with our Malabaric version of the New Testament, and that perhaps because he does not understand it. But he so much the more Sends forth his darts besmeard with the poison of Calumny, against us and the flock which God has given us. In the City of Pontischery one belonging to the Colledge of Jesuits said that our Malabaric Version of the New Testament was full of Errours I having been credibly informed of this, Sent to him and in a Letter bearing date May 13. 1715. I made the following Enquiry. Since I've Never discovered any of these faults; I ask you friendly, pray shew me any Errors, unleſs such as were comitted by the preſs where the Translation (you think) is not agreable to the Text, and you will really do me a great peice of Service; But I beg this of you, that you'd pleaſe diligently to Examin it. not only by your Vulgar Bible but with the Original Greek and I hope you will find the Errours to have been only Imaginary and the tranſlation faithful. But I've not as yet recd any answer from this Gentleman, nor his Catalogue of erratas, when I told Mr. Stevenson of this Aspersion the Jesuit had cast upon me. He answered; I don't at all wonder at the Malignant Rage and Violence of the Jesuits. what our Saviour Sais to the Jews Suits em to tittle. For they are of their Father the Devil and the lusts (Desires)

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„patris sui volunt explere. addo etiam sequentia: Fuerun
„homicidae a principio, & in veritate non perstiterunt. Non
„enim veritas in ipsis. Quotiescunque loquuntur mendacia
„de suo loquuntur, quia mendaces sunt & mendacii
„patres Deus te cum istis tenebrarum filiis pro veritat
„sua divina certantem corroboret & secundet Madraspat
etiam Missionariorum Pontificiorum unus scripserat ad
Nostrum Rev.dum Stevenson, in quibus litteris multis scomm
tibus ac contemtibus in me invectus erat. Dominus
Stevenson communicabat mihi istius Franciscani scripta
quibus volebat ut ipse respondeam. Et cum inter alia de
Novi Testamenti Damulici translatione litteris suis
sequentia inseruerat: „Ne in ullam partem quaeso accip
„Dominatio vestra, si talis auctoris (: Grundleri) opera omni
„suspicione digna in ecclesia Nostra legere non sinam, non
„enim licet nec expedit; replicavi in meis responsoriis hui
missionario: „Tua suspicio Rev. Domine oritur ex praejud
„quod Philosophis est falsa opinio sub veri rectique spec
„ante debitum examen vel ex ignorantia vel ex pravo
„affectu suscepta. Tale praejudicium veritati viam
obstruit, & in veri cognitione labyrinthos parit, unde
„infiniti errores ut rivoli oriuntur. Sine praevia lectione
„& examine scriptum rejicere et omni suspicione dignu
„judicare non est character viri prudentis —
„Quamvis libri Romanae Ecclesiae omni —

suspicione digni sint, ut tibi ipsi innotescit. &

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of their Father they will do. To which we may add the following Characte: They are Lyars from their Original and were alwaies Enemies to the truth. There is no truth in them when they Speak of a Lye they speak of their own for they are Lyars and Fathers of Lies. God will Strengthen and give you Success in your Contests for his truth against these Sons of Darkness and Errour. One of the Popish Missionaries at Madraspatnam Writ to my Revd. Brother Mr. Stevenson, in which he vented abundance of Scoffing and contemptuous Language against me Mr. Stevenson shewed me the Letter and persuaded me to Answer it my self. and, among many other things, he inveigh'd against our Version of the Bible into the Malabaric Language in these words, pardon me Sr. if I should not permit the works of so Scandalous and pittyful an Author (Grandlin) whose works are in every respect to be Suspected. I don't think em at all proper or convenient to be read nor shall I Suffer them to be read in our Church. To which I answered: Revd. Sr. Your Suspicion has his rise from prejudice; which according to the Opinion of Philosophers. is a false opinion Shrouding it self under the Species or appearance of truth conceived either through Ignorance or a depraved affection, without due and thorow examination Such prejudice as this Stops the way to truth, and produces. Labyrinths and Innumerable perplexities in the Search thereof, which are the Source of Infinite Errours. To reject a thing and pronounce it worthy of all Suspicion without previous reading and through Examination does not at all Suit the Character of a prudent man. Your Books are in reality worthy of all Suspicion. you very well know it and

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„ laudandus Noster Stevenson tibi Nostravit, illos, qui
„ idiomate Damulico & Lusitano Scripto sunt, Summo
„ Studio in India collegimus, in eosdem multas impensas fecimus
„ eosque propter elegantiam Stili cum diligentia legimus. propter
„ haud credo inveniri in hoc littore Cormandelino librum
„ a vestris veteribus Missionariis /: qui ob elegantiam Stili
„ laudandi sunt /: idiomate Damulico Scriptum & translatum
„ qui non repiatur in Nostra Bibliotheca Facimus secundum
„ apostoli Pauli consilium: omnia probate & quod bonum
„ retinete. Lege Nostram Novi Testam versionem, confer
„ eam cum fonte graeco, & si tibi videantur quaedam
„ non fideliter reddita, communica ea ad emendationem
„ & aedificationem, hoc erit majori usui Tandem conclusram
„ meas: Sed Vir Rev^{do} ne quaeso sit contentio inter te
„ & me, meditemur diligenter charitatem Christi, quae
„ schola est vere christiana non omnibus solum hominibus,
sed praecipue etiam nobis Pastoribus; eam assidue
„ frequentemus, & quod in ea docentur, tenaci memoria custodiamus
„ Promiserat quidem hic Missionarius se brevi esse responsurum,
sed inter hoc Spatium quatuor mensium nondum vidi ejus
responsorias.

Litterarum commercium in emolumentum Evangelii in Oriente propagandi hoc anno magis quam antecedentibus quo dei clementia est fervet Ita Rev. Stevenson & ego non solum sedulo huic Negotio fructuoso ad huc incubuimus, sed illud ipsum etiam incepimus Rev. Brierclef in Bengala & continuavi cum Pastoribus Holeandicae Nationis et aliis Dominis ac amicis. Experientia satis docuit, ejusmodi litterarum commercia Missioni maximo esse commodo.

Itaque sunt ea Viri Dignissimi, quae Necessaria Judicavi hac vice Vestro Illustri coetui,

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The Revd Mr Stevenson gave you Sufficient proof of it, we have at great Expence collected and read all the Books we could lay our hands upon in India that were writ in any Style worthy of Imitation in Order to improve and regulate our Malabaric Style so that I don't believe there's a book Extant upon the Cowmandaline Coasts, that was writ in a tolerable good Style, in the Malabaric Language by any of your Missionaries, But may be seen in our Library.

We follow the advice of St Paul, prove all things: — Hold fast that which is Good. Read our Version of the New Testament, and if you see any thing which you think not faithfully rendred, communicate it to me in Order to its amendment. This will be of greater use, and after that I Concluded Revd Sr Let us not contend one with another, Let us Study, with Diligence, the Love of Christ, which is the true School of Christianity, fit not only for all Christians equally but especially so for the Ministers of Jesus Christ Let us constantly attend it and treasure up carefully the Useful Lesson there taught. This Missionary promised to answer me But tho this was 4 Months ago, I've not received one Line from him

Our Correspondence in Letters, this year, has tended Much more to the furtherance of the Gospel in the East than formerly. not only the Revd Mr Stevenson and I apply our selves constantly to this profitable Exercise; But I've set the Same on foot with Mr Briercleff of Bengale, and have continued the Same with the Dutch Pastors here, and Several other Gentlemen and friends. We find by Experience, that Such a Commerce is of great use to our design

These most Worthy Sirs, are the things I Judged Necessary to communicate to you at this time. There are

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ea quæ docet animi Submissione, Exhibere. Sunt Omnino ad huc alia Vobis perscribenda, quæ autem primum in Supradicto collegio Sunt ponderanda, & cum posterioribus navibus consiliis Vestris commendanda. Interim Nos pro certo habemus, quod pro virili omni animi nisu parati Sitis. Suppeditate nobis animitus omne quod potestis, auxilium. Hunc Vestrum erga Nos opusque quod gerimus affectum eumque (: ut Scribitis:) integrum & non fucatum, quem huc usque Maximopere — contestati estis Deus Opt Max magis Stabiliat & augeat, Vosque quam cumulatissime Magno laborum Vestrorum — fructu beet, bonorumque Suorum Spiritualium thesauro — Exornet

Illustrium Atque Maxime Reverendorum
Maxime Honorabilium Nominum Vestrorum
Cultor demisso obsequentissimus
Johannes Ernestus Grundler
qui in absentia Sui Collegæ Dni
Præp Ziegenbalgii Solus Subscripsit.

Tranquebariæ 28. Augusti
Aº 1715.

other things, you have had no Account of at ale and
of the greatest Moment too, in the above mentioned confu
and these I shale take care to acquaint you with the
first opportunity. We again take leave to expreſs our
Aſsurance that you wile readily and cheerfuley do ale that
in you lies to Succour and help us. May the Great God
establish and increase in you daily that Sincere Affection
towards us and the design we are carrying on which you
have hitherto always expreſsd and may he Crown your
Labours with a Suitable Succeſs and Enrich you with ale
Spiritual Bleſsings out of his Immenſe Treasury so prays

Most Illustrious Reverend and
Honourable Sirs

Your most obedient
humble Servant

John Ernest Grundler
who Signs alone in the
absence of his Colleague
Mr. Provost Ziegenbalg

Thursday. 28th June. 1716.

4839. Sr George Wheler Durham. 23d June. That he had by the Blessing of God erected a small Charity School in the Parish of Houghton Le Spring for 20. poor Childn. and that he shall oblige them to pray daily for the florishing State of the Society that have been the Instruments under God of provoking so many to Love & Good Works. He subjoins a Bill for 3:8:6. to pay for the Books & Cloathing sent to him sometime since by order of the Society.

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4840. Dr Jo. Jones Dean of Bangor at Bangor Carnarvonsh. 20th June in answer to the Societies Circular Letter, thanks them for the last packet of books, that a Charity School is lately erected at Beaumaris, in the County of Anglesey, for 12. children taught and Cloathed at the expence of a person of Honour, that another School is lately sett up, at Llanfihangel, in the Same County, were 12. poor Children are taught, and another School at Bangor in Carnarvonshire for 10. poor Children, another at Llanllechyd in Carnarvonsh. for 15. poor children, another at Gyffin in ye Same County, for 10. poor children, that it is impossible in those parts to fix the poor children constantly and Regularly at School because they must go ever and anon to beg for victuals, there being no poors rates Setled in those parts, it is the constant Method to releive the poor at their doors and the houses of the Several parishes being Scattered abt. at considerable distances from each other increases the difficulty, the poor children labour under, & in harvest the poor parents take them out of School, and declare they had rather they should not be taught at all, then be debarred of the use and Service of them, That he is very Glad ye. Welsh Bible is in Such forwardness, there being inquirys after it daily & longings to see it finished.

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4841 **Mich: Woodward** of Guildford in Hampshire 23. June
Recomending Mrs Hannah Roberts, for a Charity School
mistress, she being a Sober Grave maid of about 40
years of age, and believes in all respects qualifyed
to be so, she having long lived in good fashion till
lately, is very desirous to be admitted to that Imploym^{t}.
she lives in Shoe makers Row in Black Fryars near
the Sun and Tobacco Roll.

4842 **John Wright** of East Bourn Sussex 21. June In
answer to the Societies Letter, to those Correspondents
who had for some time discontinued their
Correspondence, that he has Served their Pious
design to the Utmost of his power for many years
in the parish Comitted to his Care at Chichester, and
upon Occasion at Brighthelmstone, in the said
County, where he preached the Charity Sermon last
Whitson Thursday. He begs the Society will excuse
his former Neglect and continue the favour of
the annual packet, upon Receipt of which they
shall be accepted with a great many thanks.

4843. **Thomas Wells** of Toynton S^{t}. Peters near Spilsby
Lincolnsh 20. June In answer to the Society's
Circular Letter, that he had received their last
Sch years present of a packet of books, and thanks
them for it. That the Subscriptions to the Schools
at Spilsby are augmented to 50^{t} pound and a School
will be that day opened for 40. Children

4844. **Dr Ners** of Eaton Berkshire 26. June. In answer to
the Society's of the 19th of the Same Month,
Giving a List of the members of the Coledge
and School at Eaton, who may be like to encourage
the Setting up of the School there.

Memorand. To communicate this Letter to Mr. Skeate.

Memorand. To give Mr. Chamberlayne a Copy of this Letter.

4845 **Robert Watts** of Great Gidding Huntingdonsh. 25. June

That he had Sent up a long letter two days before, accompanied with Letters to the Bishop of Clogher in Ireland, and Mr. Disney at Lincoln, which he desires may be put up in the respective packets, that shall be next Sent to em. by the Society, That he fears this packet tho. it was Sent to Huntingdon to go by the Carryer, yet he fears by the mistake of his Correspondent, it may be Sent by the post for which he asks the Society's pardon for the charge they be put to, by it, He Transcribes Several paragraphs out of a letter he lately Recd from the Revd. Mr. Cobb at Bombay Castle, dated the 11th of October last — That in his said Letter was Inclosed a Subscription which was made by a Gentleman of the Council there; said to be Since dead, in England, dated the 6th of Decr. 1705. promising for himself, and his heirs, to pay 600. Rupees towards the finishing of the church there, In Case orders should come from England for that purpose, That he Sent a Copy of this Subscription to Mr. Cobbs brother in Seething Lane near Barking Church, in Order to inquire after the Gentleman or his heirs, That they may be acquainted with it. That two School: masters are very much wanted at Bombay, which he hopes the Society may procure to be Sent over by the Next fleet, that if Mr. Cobb has not remitted to the Society Some Contribution for promoting their designs, it Must be imputed to his Liberal Subscription, towards finishing of the Church, and the great charge, he has been at, to Settle there.

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Thursday. 5th. July. 1716.

4846. **James Chew** Schoolmaster of Rodborough Gloucestersh. 30. June. That Dr. Stansfeild of Rodborough, has desired him to Signifie to the Society, that he has not for a long time received any packet, which he imputes to the Negligence of the carriers, upon their receiving the Carriage of them in London; but to prevent the like miscarriage for the future, he will readily bear the carriage of them himselfe, and begs the Society may be assured, that Notwithstanding, the infirmities of his great age, he will continue his best Endeavours for promoting their designs; Mr. Chew adds, that having been newly presented to the Vicarage of Corse, near Gloucester, he shall be Glad to be admitted a Corresponding Member.

4847. **Richard Lloyd** of Yarpol Herefordsh. 1st. July. to Dr. Bray That he had Sent to the Society twelve Sheets of his Verses, concerning the duties of Servants, and 12. more for the Charity Schools, as a tryal how the Children may learn them if the Society think fitt; and that he has been embolden to give them this recomendation, Since the approbation they have mett with from Several Charity Schools in the Country, whither he Sent them, That the Lord Viscount Hereford, did not only highly approve of them himselfe, but one of his Chaplains liked them so well, that he said he would try to have them translated into Welch.

Thursday 12th. July 1716.

4848. **Sam. Conant** at Litchet Matravers Dorsetsh. 28th. June. Thanking the Society for the Packet. That the School at Bere Regis, Seems at present to be at a Stand, by reason of the death of Some of the Contributors.

2d Aug.

Ordered that an Annual packet be sent to Dr Stansfield.

4849. **John Rogers** at Brentford Middx. 29.^{16} June. That the Subscriptions to the School there amounted to $\overset{l\ s\ d}{35.9.6}$ last year, but the Collections at Brentford, and Kew and by Casual Benefactions, have encreased that Summe to $\overset{l\ s\ d}{112.19.4}$. so that after paying all charges to Lady day last, there remained in the Treasurers hands,

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4850. **Tho: Greene** at Norlands Middx. 12.^{16} July Desiring that a Doz. of the Bishop of Lincolns Sermons at St Sepulchres, with the Account of Schools, may be Sent to him.

4851. **John Chamberlayne** Esqr. at Westminster 12. July. That Mr. Ostervald Junr. desired the Society to accept of his Dissertation de Officio Judicis &ca.

4852. **James Lowther** Esqr. at Whitehaven Cumberland 6. July. To enclose a Letter from Mr. Dalton, (a new Correspondent) to the Society. That he has done much good, not only among his Parishoners, but among the inferiour Clergy in his Neighbourhood.

4853. **John Dalton** at Whitehaven Cumberland 6. July In answer, to the Societies first Generall Letter, That he is much obliged by the Honour of being chose a Corresponding Member. That he will omitt no Oppertunity of Erecting a Charity School, and do what lies in his power to promote the other designs of the Society.

4854. **Robt Watts** at Great Gidding Huntingdonshire 22. June That the poverty of his Living won't Suffer him to be a Contributor, as yet, to the charge of the Society. He desires that in his Next packet from the Society he may be favoured with Some practical Tracts on the Sacrament, Swearing and Cursing, prophanation of the Lords day, Adultery and fornication the duty of God fathers, and God mothers, of Church wardens, and Constables may be Sent to him, That he finds Instructions to the poor on a broad side of a Sheet of paper are more useful then little books because of the Convenience of pasting them on

C. L. 12. Manl.

Ordered that 12. of the said Sermons &c.a be Sent as desired.

Ordered that Mr Chamberlayne be desired to give the thanks of the Society to Mr Ostervald.

Answd. 17. July

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Memdm. two packetts were Enclosed in this letter to be Sent one to the Lord Bishop of Clogher and the other to Mr Disney.

the wall; he beggs therefore a few of the broad side views of the penal Laws against vice and prophaness may be Sent to him: he gives a particular Account of his Endeavours to Set up a school at Great Gidding, tho the Success has fallen much Short of his expectations; and he Subjoins an account of the proceedings of a Society of Clergymen in his neighbourhood

Thursday. 19th. July. 1716.

4855. **Brigad^{r}. Stearne** at Germane Street Westmin^{r}. 17. July
That having obtained leave of the Prince; he intends to go to Ireland very Soon and begs the Society would favour him with Some of the following Books, which he'l distribute to the best advantage Viz^{t}.

A plain and Rational vindication of the Liturgy of
the church of England. By Clutterbuck
The Soldiers Monitor.
Short Refutation of the principal Errors of the
Church of Rome.
Some of D^{r}. Bray's little Tracts,

4856. **John Chamberlayne** Esqr. at Windsor Castle Barksh. 17. July That he has given M^{r}. De Ners the Subscription Roll and all the Sermons and Accounts of Schools Sent to him, but they were too Short for his purpose wherefore he desires to have more Sent him as Soon as possible That D^{r}. Bolter preached for the poor Children of S^{t}. Martins on Sunday last in the Chappel of Spring Garden where there was Collected $\overset{£}{6}:\overset{s}{9}:\overset{d}{8}:\frac{3}{4}$.

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4857. **Richard Lloyd** of Yarpol Herefordsh. 9. July. That the packets directed to D^{r}. Davies of Kingsland D^{r}. Tyler and himself, and said to be Sent by one M^{r}. Olyffe a Carryer is miscaried for he can't hear of any Such man, That he Sent amongst others 12. Sheets of his verses to the Govern^{rs}. of the Charity Schools Such as might think them worthy of their acceptance and 12 Sheets more for the Masters of Such Schools if they think fitt to try their Scholars with them as the Masters in the Country have done. as to the School of Chirbury he knows no better way of redress than by the Bishop of Hereford in whose Diocess it lies.

Ordered that there be Sent to Brig.r Stearne

6. of Bishop Beveridges Sermon on the Common Prayer.
50. Soldiers Monitor.
50. Short Refutation &c.a
12. Dr. Brays serious address to Godfathers and God Mothers.
6. Copys of the Sermons and Account of Schools
6. Do. in 8vo.
1. Sett of Mr. Ostervalds Arguments &c. with other things designed for this years packet

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Answ.d 21 July — To Send a Dozen of the large, and half a dozen of the Small Sermons

Refer'd to ye Com: — Ordered that Enquiry be made after his Packet

NB Dr. Davie's and Mr. Lloyd's Packets were Sent under cover to Dr. Tyler of Shobdon by John Pearce Carryer and Dr. Tyler Acknowledged the receipt of them in Decr. last

B. To Communicate this Letter to Dr. Bray

4858. John Walton at Carlisle Cumberld. 11. July Thanking the Society for their Care in directing the books which he desired might be bought for him That by the Accompt sent with them he finds he could have bought some things as cheap at Carlisle as they are charged at London, particularly the great Importance of a Religious life considered charged at 10d. ½ apiece &ca. which he hopes Mr. Downing may consider in the Next Bargain. That there is a project on foot for erecting a charity School there which he hopes the Society will Aſsist in promoting of.

Thursday the 26. July 1716.

4859. Rowl: Cotton Esqr at Etwall Derbysh. 21. July. Inclosing a Bill for ten pounds to discharge his Subscription to Lady day last, and also a Guinea from Madm Cotton of Litchfeild, who desires the Society may be Acquainted that she intends to continue that contribution Annually to the Society as long as she lives and that she received their last packet thankfully in due time

4860. J. Chamberlayne at Windsor Castle 22. July Thanking the Society for the doz and ½ of Sermons and Accounts and desires to have More of them with Some of the Little practical Tracts particularly the Letters to a Corresponding Member in hopes to make a good use of them and that they may be sent by the Carryer or Carrivan rather then by the Coaches which Exact greater pay for the Carriage

4861. Rob: Stearne at Westminster 24. July. Thanking the Society for the packet he had received and desiring he may have a list of those persons, that are of the Society in Ireland and Bristol where he is now a going.

Order'd that this Letter be communicated to Mr. Downing.

Anſwd 24th July.
2d Aug. vid. Waste Book 1

NB. To send Mrs Cotton of Lichfield a Sett of Mr. Ostervald's Arguments &ca when a packet is sent to her as usual by Mr. Cotton

Anſwd 30. July.

To Send to the value of 5s in little Tracts Such as he desires. besides ½ a doz. Sermons

4862. John Tatam at Sutton on the Hill Derbysh 28. May. Thanking the Society for the packet and Circular Letter that he formerly desired their directions what to do with $4^{l}:18^{s}$ collected for parochial Libraries and also a parcell of books given towards promoting the same design which he hearing nothing of he concludes the letter miscarried that he shall from time to time observe the directions in ~~keeping~~ the Society's Circular letter

4863. George Lewis of Dolgelley Merionithsh. 14th July. in Answer to the Society's of the first of May concerning the fund for Building the Church at Bombay, That the Honoble Aungier Esqr Brother to the Lord Longford was president of Surrat about 50. years agoe, and dying there; left by will, the summe of 5000. Rupees, towards the Building a Church at Bombay. upon which the Father of ffrance; then Minister of that Island, set about Building of a Church, laid the foundation of it to large for the fund and with part of the Money or this Legacy borrowed upon the ~~fund~~ credit of it carried the walls almost to the Roof and then dyed in the year 1679. ~~that~~ upon his decease they left of Building, and before the Roof was laid on, and so it remaines from that day to this and if all the Legacy was not then paid what remains yet unpaid will always remaine so, My Lord Longford who received his Brothers Estate, dyed afterwards insolvent. That there is no Charity School within many Miles of Dolgelley the Country being Generally very poor and the rich not so well inclined to encourage so good a work as they ought to be. That the Town of Dolgelley is the chief Town in Merionithsh in the Centure of the County and hath in it a great many poor boys and Girls who for want of some Charitable provision are forced to Strole about and beg their

Answ. 1. Aug. Ordered that this Letter be communicated to the Trustees for parochial Library's.

Referred to the Comittee.

Living, That he believes there are Some of the better Sort who would contribute to so good a work if Such a thing was set on foot, That if the Society should think fitt to Set Such a thing on foot that he would encourage it all that lay in his power.

4864. Wm: Hopkins at Lantrythyd Glamorgansh 16. July Thanking the Society for the Packet he received. and desiring to have as many of the under named books as can be bought for 25s. which Mr John Lloyd in Ormond Street will pay for the Books desired are

	Number
A Persuasive for the observance of the Lords day - - - - - -	. 50.
A Disswasive against Drunkeness. -	50.
A Caution to Swearers. - - - -	50.
An Exhortation to House keepers for family worship. - - - -	50.
Directions for the Publick worship of God - - - - - -	50.
The Sacrament of the Lords Supper Explained in a dialogue between Minister and Parishoner.	

4865. P. Foulks at Exeter Devonsh 23 July To Mr Shute Inclosing a Bill for 5. Guineas for so many quarterly payments of his Subscription to the Society from Mids.o 1715 to Mids.o 1716. Inclusive and that the person who receives the Money may lodge the Receipts with Mr Child on whom the Bills are drawn

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Thursday the 2d August 1716.

4866. J. Chamberlayne at Windsor Castle 29. July Thanking the Society for the Packet he received and recomending that Dr. Polling be wrote to to give his Assistance in Soliciting Subscription to the intended charity School to be erected at Eaton

4867. Philip Cholmondly at Westminster 30. July desiring the Society will favour him with a doz of the Sermons and acctt. of Schools for the Lord and Lady of Carnarvon the Lady Lake and other Benefactors to the Charity Schools of Hodgworth in Middx.

Ordered that the Books he desires be
Answ. 4th Aug. Sent

NB The Messenger left Mr. Downing Receipt and
the List of the Books with the Gentleman
in Ormond Street.

Answ. 28th Aug. Ordered that Mr. Henry Hoare be consulted
about receiving this Bill.
NB. The Messenger Jos. Swinscoe recd this Bill.

Answ. 16. Aug.
& 18. Aug.

Ordered a Doz. of the Sermons and Accounts
½ in Marble Papers
1. Doz. of Ditto 8.vo

The Society order'd the following Letter relating to the Malabar Mission to be enter'd verbatim.

4868. Willm Stevenson at Fort St George E. Indies 21st Jany to H. Newman. Sr In the Letter I sent you in Sepr last, among other things I acquainted you that at Mr Grundler's desire I sold the Silver sent on the Heathcote, for 770. Pagr which is equal in value to 346.£ 10. Shn which I immediately sent to Tranquibar upon a Danish Sloop that was then ready to Sail. and that I had likewise received out of the Company's Cash 307. Pagr 16 fanhams being the value of 138 £ 7. Sh: payed to the Company in England by Mr John George Hugk as a Charitable Gift to the Missionaries &c

Sr the unusual Rain that fell this Season all over the Country made Travelling impracticable, so that I could not hitherto set about my intended Journey to Tranquibar However I prevailed with Mr Grundler to begin a Correspondence of Letters with our Governour, finding that his Honr expected he should be applied to directly rather than at Second hand These addresses were so well received, that the Governour has given Mr Grundler repeated Assurances of his protection and favour, whenever he shall think it proper to open a Malabarian School; either here, or at Fort St David Mr Grundler thinks it best to delay the Execution of this difficult project till Mr Ziegenbalg's Arrival. but when I have discoursed with him upon the Subject, (which I hope will be about a fortnight hence) I believe he may be prevailed on to begin Sooner.

In the Mean time Sr I am perswaded it will be a great Satisfaction to you to hear that my endeavours to get a Charity School erected here for the Education of poor protestant children, are at length become effectual for having laid my former proposals before the Governour

Referred to the Mal. Comittee

Memdm. This Letter was accompanied with

Proposals for Erecting a Charity School for the christian Education and Maintenance of the poor children among the English Inhabitants of Fort St. George.

Rules for the Charity School at Fort St. George on Sundays and on Week days.

Rules for the better Establishing & Management of the Charity School, Erected by the Unanimous Consent of the Vestry of St. Mary's Parish in Fort St. George 28 Octr. 1715.

Governour and Councill, when they were at Leisure to consider them; they readily approved of the design: and I must do the Governour that Justice as to own that he was particularly forward in promoting it.

We have already upwards of Thirty children who are not only Cloathed and taught but likewise Maintained by a Monthly Collection that is made in the Church. The Boys live in one apartment under the charge of a Master and Usher: and the Girls in a Seperate house under the care of a Mistress and Assistant. Inclosed you have a copy of the proposals that I first offered to the Govern.r the ffundamental Rules and Orders agreed upon in a Vestry; and an account how the children are to employ their time, when we opened the School, about two months ago we had a fund of about 350 £ Sterl by two Legacies bequeathed to this ffoundation: and we have had a generous contribution among the Inhabitants Since, which wile encrease the School Stock to 1000 £ St. and upwards: of which the Govern.r gave 225 £: and others have likewise contributed very liberally. so that there wile be nothing wanting to make the School flourish but a good Spot of Ground within the ffort (or English Town to build a Spacious School House, or Hospital. The only Convenient place is a large old house called Jersey House which belongs to the Company: and is ready to Tumble down We have proposed to purchase it: but the Genll. hopes the Company will give it to the School: he having proposed this to them in the General Letter now Sent home wherein he has Strenously recommended our New foundation; and shown them that they are likely to reap great and lasting advantages from it If the directors can be prevailed on to give that House for Building a Hospital I do not doubt but within a very few years it wile be in as flourishing a Condition as any School in Europe: for it Meets already with the greatest encouragment from every Body.

Sr. I have not yett received the packets that Mr. Grundler Sends home by these Ships but I expect them within a day or two: and shale then take care of them.

If the Honble Society should Send out any More little books of piety to this place; I wish they may be such as are wanted in our New School; I mean primers, Catechisms (espetially the Scripture one) prayer books and New Testaments. I had 100 Copies of the Horn book from Tranquebar: and when I go thither I. intend to get as many copies of a Short Spelling Book printed off, they being Neceſsary for present use the other Sorts of books New Named we can wait for till we are Supplied from Europe pray excuse ye Slip of my Pen: for I am in great hast, the Ships being to Sail very Soon. S^{r} I am.

4869. J. Hilldrop at Marlborough Wiltsh 30. July. That he has not yett receiv'd the parcell of books designed by the Society for Broad hinton and desires to know by what carrier and when they were sent.

4870. George Doughty at Marlesham Suffolk 30. July. To Mr. Shute That Mr. Blomfield Mr. Bokenham and himself a Smale Contribution of money to the Society for promoting their designs at home and in the East Indies and only wait for an Opportunity of Conveying it which they hope to do very speedily by Mr. ffaussett Mar of the St. George at Ipswich That the Revd Mr. Drake Rectr of Great Oakley in Essex Near Harwich Seems very desirous to promote all the excellent designs of the Society and will account it an honour if the Society will Admitt him a Corresponding Member instead of Mr. Abraham Chaplin Deceased.

Thursday the 9th August 1716.

4871. William Nicols at Westmr. 9th Augt. Inclosing two Specements of Mr. Watts's character for printing his ΠΕΡΙ ΑΡΧΩΝ &ca. and thanking the Society for their Sollicitousness in promoting the publishing of it.

The following Letter relating to the Malabar Mission from the Governor & Council at Fort St. George 26th Jany. 1715/16 is enter'd verbatim.

4872. Sir

Finding our selves guilty of a very great Omission in not answering by the last Ships to a very handsome Letter reced from the Worthy Society for promoting Christian Knowledge which happen'd by a change in

our

Answd. 14th. Aug. See Mr. Hildrops Letter No. 4833.
NB. The Packet was directed to the Revd Mr. Brosier at Broad=
=hinton to be left with Mr. Hildrop at Marlboro, by Francis Brai
=wait from the Rose at Holborn Bridge 28th. June.

Answd. 14th. Aug. To write to Mr. Doughty to get the
consent of Mr. Drake more expli=
=citely for a corresponding membr.

Refer'd to the Mal. Committee.

our Secretarys Office whereby the said Letter was mislaid we take this opportunity to beg their Pardon thro: your means and to Assure them that we are and will be ready upon all Occasions to Patronize and encourage that Noble and Usefull design which they are pleased to Recommend to us We have Offer'd our Service to the Missionary's of Trincombarr more then once promising them our utmost Assistance when ever they think fitt to Extend their Malabarr Schools to any of our Settlements under this Presidency we should be Glad to see Some Capable men of our own nation in Holy Orders that are not above undertaking a work of this Nature tile that happens We can see no great prospect of the Success you propose in opening a glorious Scene of the Christian Church in these parts however we have this year made a beginning in as handsome a Manner as we could to Erect and Establish a Charity School for the Education of poor protestant Children such as are born of Mixt Parents and for want of due care have been very frequently Seduced by the Roman Catholick Missioners in these parts which by the grace of God we hope to prevent for the future; and when ever You are pleased to Signify to us which way we can be Serviceable to the great and Pious design you have in hand we entreat you to believe and to perswade your Worthy Society that we will very readily set about it which with our humble thanks for their good wishes is what offers at present from Sr.

your very humble Servants

Fort St. George

26 Janry 1715/16.

E. Harrison
Tho. Frederick
Wm Jennings
Richd. Horden
Tho. Cooke
John Legg
Jos. Cooke
Rand. Fowke

The following Letter from the Reverend Mr. Stevenson and Mr. Charles Long Chaplains at Fort St. George 10th. Septr. 1715. is Entered verbatim

Sr.

4873. We received the Letter you Sent us by the Kent, dated the 19th. of October 1714. and your other Letter by the Heathcote, dated the 4th. of January last. What things came out on this last Ship for the Use of the Danish Missionaries were imediately Sent to Tranquebar.

In the Box you Sent us, besides the parcel of Books directed to us, there were two other parcells: one of which was delivered to Mrs. Jennings: (her Husband not being yet arrived, tho' Dayly expected, from vizagapatam) and the other was Sent to Mr. Briercliff at Calcutta.

Mr. Grundler not having as yet Sent up ye. particular proposals concerning the Malabarian School, that the Society desire to be erected here: we cannot judge whether their provision of 4. or 5. pags. Monthly will Suffice to carry on that design: but to us it Seems too little for Supporting a School in the very first beginning of it. As for the design in general we believe that it will be much easier to erect Such a School, then to make it flourish. However when the Missionaries shall think fitt to Send a Schoolmaster to this place; he shall have all the assistance & encouragmt. we can give him: and he may likewise Expect the Countenance and protection of the Governour and Council.

Sr. we shall always take the freedom to communicate what remarks we may happen to make concerning any thing that either obstructs, or may advance the protestant Mission in these parts: but at present we shall only add that we are, Sr.

Your Most humble Servts.

Wm. Stevenson
Charles Long

Fort St. George the 10th.
of Septr. 1715

Refer'd to the Mal. Comittee.

4874. Will. Waterson at Cranborn Berksh 3. August
That the Estate Setled for maintaining the Charity
School at Cranborn, is in Ireland 120£. a year of which
is detained by the Tenant upon frivolous pretences.
He having claimed priviledge of parliament for
these 3 or 4. years Successively (he being a Member) –
the other part which is 32£. a year and has been all
along well paid by the Tenant is kept from us upon
pretence of carrying on the Sute against the other
so that out of 152£ a year there has been nothing –
or Next to nothing received this 4 years and an half
upon which account the Children wanting their –
Cloaths have left the School, That within these
Sch two or 3 years he has desired the parents to Send
their Children to School and have been refused. That
out of 40. Children the Number upon ye foundation,
he never Saw above 15. nor have not Sent one
out of the School qualifyed as he ought to have
been these 3. years, that if the Society will be
pleased to Send him 3. or 4. copy books and half
a dozen Catechisms broke into Short questions for
the Use of a little School in the Neighbourhood –
where he is Concerned he shall be very thankfull
for them

Thursday

Thursday 16. augt 1716.

4875. Henry Shute at Bristol August the 11. ~~That he is sorry the Annual Packetts are so much Delayed, That heretofore it was the opinion of the Society that sending them so near Winter wd in a great measure frustrate the end for which they were designed.~~ That the Charity Schools in that City as well as those at Bath are in a fflourishing State, and the Injury that was fear'd by Mr Colston's Displeasure is happily removed by ye prudent Management of the worthy Mr Haines. That he believes the Society's Treasure will admitt of 500. pietas Hallensis provided they don't Engage in other things; he intends for London a fortnight before Michas.

4876. Wm Hopkins at Lantrythyd Glamorgansh 10. Augt That in a former Letter, he desired a ~~small~~ Quantity of Small Books to be paid for by Mr John Lloyd in Ormond Street to the vale of 25s and which he is since Advised by his friend was paid the ye Society's Tre / of the 4th Instant takes no Notice of it.

4877. A. D Tenison at Tonbridge Wells 14. augt 1716. Thanking ye Society for a Copy of the printed Methods used for Erecting Charity Schools.

The following Letter relating to ye Malabar Mission is entred Verbatim. being from

4878. Wm Jennings Esqr From Fort St George in the East Indies 24. Janry I am favor'd with Your very Obliging Letters of the 22. March 1713/4. the 19. October 1714. and fourth January following. It is now some time since I last did my self the honor to write to You having been much indisposed in my health since my removall to Vezagapatam, but am I hope now in a way of recovery by God's help; and while I live here I shall not be wanting in my Endeavrs: to do all the good Offices I am able to the Missionaryes at Tranquebar or any others Engaged in so Commendable a Design who am very Glad to Understand the King of Denmark hath given such Encouragement to them, It was a great Loss they suffer'd by the Danesbourgh which was so unfortunately lost in her passage out from Copenhagen, & must

be

Answ.d 21. Aug.
& 1st Sepr

Answ.d 28. Aug.

NB See his Lre No. 4864.

. . . . Refer'g to the Malabar Comittee be very pleasing and delightfull to see their King so well affected towards promoting the Work they are Engaged in by a further Supply necessary for them. I did not return here til the 7. October last when I reced the packet of Books sent me by the Society which are distributed by Mr. Stevenson one o four Chaplains here, among Such as they will be most Serviceable to, The several Parcells also mention'd in Yours of the 4. Janry 1714/5. were also reced by him in my absence here; who is a day or two agoe gone to Fort St David to take his Journey from thence Over land to Visit the Missionarys at Tranquebar; I shall not fail to Supply the money Mr. Hoare has mention'd if there be Occasion as I have great hopes a little more time will Demonstrate; a Cha: School being last Month sett up for poor Children to be brought up and maintained which has a fair prospect of being largely ... Encreased and Improved by the Countenance our Governor is pleased to give to it and his Charitable contribution thereto It is not yet in that method the Danes Pursue at Tranquebar there being only our Soldiers and such others of Europians poor Children at present Entertained in No. about 30. B&Gs. and as to what you are pleased to mention touching ye Natives. I shall by the Heathcoate daily expected to Call here fro Bengall add what further Materials I (if please God I am well) & who am in the mean time

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Sr

Yr Go &c.

Wm Jennings

Thursday 23d. August 1716.

4879. Wm. Squire at Deal Kent Augt. 10th. That being nominated by his Grace of Canterbury to be Curate of the New Chapel in that Town he prays (because the people are very ignorant) the Society to bestow on him ye following Books – vizt.

Bp Beveridges Sermon on the Comon Prayer
Some good Exposicon on the Chh Catechism
the Cristian Monitor, & Comm pray.r Books
Prayers for Familys &
Some little Books agt. the Comon Vices as Drunken=ness, Swearing &c.

which he hopes will do much good there, intending in a little time to Catechise the people, That there is great need of a Charity School, which if some well disposed persons would think to erect, 'twould be of great use.

4880- Samuel Sandford at Presteigne Radnorsh Aug.t 6. Enclosing ye State of the Grammar School there. That one Mr Jones has been nominated by the ffeoffees to be Mar of that School, but they can't (as they apprehend) get possession for him without a Tryal at Law That ~~it~~ he hath been ~~limited to him~~ advised to Exhibitt a Bill in Chancery agt. the present Master, but most in that Town are of opinion nothing can be done without Articling in the Ecclesiastical Court, for without that, the Chancelor has declared, he will not withdraw the Licence. That he hopes the Society will Assist him in this Affaire.

4881. Richard King at Exeter Augt. 14. In answr. to ye Societys Letter Enclosing Mr. Nicols and Mr. Ziegenbalgs Speeches & to thank them for them, That he hopes e're long to receive the Societys Annual packet with the half yearly Abstract to Midsumr. last in order to be Communicated to the Society of Clergymen who meet next at Mr. Huyshe's house who was the person that gave two Guineas for the Use of ye Society

4882. J. Hildrop at Marlborough Wiltshire Augt. 18. That the Packet for Mr. Brosper of Broadhinton came to his hands that day having lain til now at ye warehouse in Londn.

25. Sepr NB To send him to the Value of 20£: of such Books as are in the Societys Store.

. . . . Refer'd to the Comittee

C. L. 16. March.

4883. Mr Chamberlayne at Windsor 21. Augt 1716. That he has lately perused a little Tract Entituled Prayers for the use of Charity Schools, and finds to his Great Satisfacon both in ye Morning & Evening prayers ~~mention~~ published 1710 mention made of the then Queen and Royal Family, but as it is omitted in ye Morning & Evening prayer to be used by the Children at home, he Submitts it to the Society whether there should not be Inserted a Short Clause for King GEORGE by name, the Prince &c. especially at this Juncture when both Masters and Scholars are reproached with being disaffected to the Government, That to prevent the Mischief that threatens the Charity Schools ye next Session of Parlt. he Advised the Society to recommend it to the Trustees to Oblige both the Masters and Scholars daily to pray for King George and ye Royal Family but it being thought more prop that such a recomendation should come from a higher hand as the A:Bp. of Canterbury, he Acquiesced therein and having Occasion to write to his Grace he made that matter part of his Letter to which he reced the following answer. " Sr. I had yesterday

" the favor of Yours at my return to Westmr. I shall be very

" glad to do any Service I can to the Charity Schools, but pray

" look upon a Letter in the Flying post of this day & see what

" Scandal the Knavery or Folly of some of ye Masters gives

That he has Transcribed this from his Graces own words and leaves it to the Society to take such resolucons upon it as are worthy of their Zeal for ~~our~~ their King & Country. their Religion and the Concern they have for promoting Christian Knowledge

4884. Caleb Parfect at Faringdon in Berksh Aug. 14. That he had therewith sent the 20. shillings due for 100. Xtian Monitors sent by Order of the Society last Year That he has a great deal of reason to beleive that those Choice Tracts with the other little Pieces which the Society were pleased to add to them have done a great deal of Good That the Second Sunday in Septr. is their Anniversary day for having a Collection at ye Church door In order to furnish the Children of the Cha: School with Bibles, whole Dutys of man &c. when they leave it – That by dispersing those little Books as they stand there to beg peoples Charity, they not only dispose of them to the best Advantage but likewise very much promote the design they have chiefly in View for by giving a Book of 1 penny or twopence value they some

Answ.d 1.st Sept. . . . Refer'd to the Committee.

Answ.d 1. Sept.

Order'd that such a packet as was sent formerly be now sent to
the value of 20. Shill.s in books ag.st Sabbath breaking &c.a and likewise the Books he
desires to pay for. viz 50. Lewis's Exposition on y.e Catechism.
N.B. M.r Swinscoe receiv'd the 20. Shillings.

. . . some times get enough to purchase a Bible, Comon prayer Book or Whole
Duty of man for a poor Child. That they should gladly be at the Charge of Books
for the next publick day but the Gentleman to whom he is Curate and
himself are chiefly concern'd in Supporting the School. So that in truth
their Circumstances are a great Check to them. And therefore they hope
that the Society will be pleased to bestow a few out of their Stock upon them
for this occasion. That they begin to want some of M.r Lewis's Catechisms for the School &
therefore desires that a hundred of y.m may be sent to be p.d for.

4885 Capt. Thomas Morris at Belbridge near Carlile Augt 13th: 1716.

That he had recd the packet of whole Dutys of Man and ~~Cop~~ has dispersed them he hopes to good Effect That the Catechisms are very usefull to the Children and therefore he prays the next yearly packet may Consist chiefly of them, the Devout Psalmodist and the Great Importance of a Religious Life. That the devout Psalmodist recomends standing in Church when ye Psalms are Sung which his Family and he have always practised and of late many of the Inhabitants of that parish have done ye Same from their Example. he desires therefore to know if the Society would have him Encourage the practice of it. That they are very unhappy for want of a good Schoolmaster and the reason is, for want of a Sufficient Maintenance for one. That the parishioners are generally speaking very poor, and can't pay even the comon allowance for their Children, but wd the Society become their Advocates with ye D. of Portland in their favor, ~~tis more th~~ to grant a parcell of his Comon in that parish to be set apart for the use of a Schoolmaster, 'tis more than probable his Grace wod. Grant it, having formerly given great Countenance to a Petition made to him by the parishioners on yt. head, the hopes of which fell meerly for want of further application. That if the Society be pleased to undertake yr. Cause and it be thought necessary for the Inhabitants to send up a Peticon to the Duke naming ye place & Quantity of the Comon they pray for upon a significacon of the Societys pleasure therein Care will be taken about it

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Thursday. 30th. August. 1716.

4886 Willm. Rayner at Tiverton in Devon. 24th. Aug. In answr. to the Society's, first Genll. Letter, thanking them for ye Honour done him in chosing him a Correspond. Member. that he shall make it his Sincere Endeavour not to be wanting as far as lies in his power to promote the sevl. Pious Designs of the Society.

. . . . - . . - . . Referd to the Comittee

4887 John Dalton at Whitehaven Cumb. 22^{d}. Aug. In answ^{r}. to the Society's 2^{d}. General Letter. That he has used his Endeavours to set up a Charity School there, and shall do the same as to a Religious Society conformable to the opinion of the Society. That he shall thankfully receive any Packet of the Society's Books, wch may be safely convey'd to him by the Kendal Carrier from the Castle in Woodstreet that comes out on Fridays ab^{t}. Noon.

4888. Tho. Cole at Cowes Hampshire 8. aug^{t}. to M^{r}. Chamberlayne That when he first Attempted the Setting up a Charity School It was in Hopes a publick one for the whole Island might have been fixed at Newport but now despairing of that & finding ye trouble too Great in putting Children to private Schools in East and West Cowes where due Care was not like to be taken as in a Publick School he has resolved to apply the 100^{l}. Charity towards binding out boys as the best way for applying it that he finds practicable at present.

Sch:

Thursday 6. Septr 1716.

4889. Lord Arch Bishop of Canterbury at Westm^{r} the 5. Septr. To M^{r}. Chamberlayne That so many of the Society's Members run into the New Separation and such frequent Complaints come to him on that Account That he is under great fears as well as Concern for all of them. That what he heard of a Society that refused to Pray for ye King and Royall ffamily was not of the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge but of the Governors of the Charity Schools whom he Earnestly wishes may be always made usefull to ye Ends of Peace and Piety

4890 M^{r}. Chamberlayne in Petty France 5. Septr. That he is very much rejoyced to hear of the late Resolutions of the Society for purging ye Schools of Jacobitism a matter that his Grace of Canterbury has much at heart as may appear by the following paragraph of a Lre from his Grace of the 1. Instant I shall heartily rejoyce if any thing can be proposed for the better Regulation of the Charity Schools, which are running –

The following was [illegible] from the [illegible]
at [illegible] in the East Indies to the Governor of [illegible]
Aleppo. The Governor [illegible]
[illegible]

-- again into what I have so often warn'd them against to no purpose, and they have so often promis'd me, without any Effect, to avoid.

The following Letter from the Reverend Mr Grundler at Tranquebar in the Eaſt Indies to the Governor of Fort St George, The Governors Anſwer, and Mr Grundlers Reply, were orderd to be Enterd Verbatim.

4891.

The Translation
# of the foregoing Letters.

Illustrious Sr
&
Great Patron.

As the Renown'd East India Company in England have judged you worthy to be promoted to that honor, wherein you are as an hand to that Honorable Company whereby Justice may bear sway, Comerce and so many Plantacons may flourish, and be happily govern'd with their Inhabitants. So the most Venerable Society for propagating Christian ~~Youth~~ Faith is firmly Confident that under Your helping hand the use of a future propagation of the Gospell of Christ may Succeed as well at Madraspatna as at Dewanapatna. Whereupon they have made known to us in their most worthy Epistle that they had a mind with Your leave Most Honble Sr. and under Your Protecon first to open and begin some Christian Schools there among the Heathens wherein the Indian Youth may Imbibe Christ from their Infancy for which purpose they have Comanded us to send some Christian Schoolmasters from the Malabarians, but Most Honorable Sr. altho' I Question not ~~but~~ you will grant Your approbation, protection, promotion and favor of this pious design to Yor Utmost, Yet give me leave to give my Sentiments of this matter in one Word, to wit that this pious design, so profitable to Commerce cannot well be begun by a Schoolmaster without a Missionary sent before from England to Madraspatna. Nevertheless, Great Patron, I altogether in this matter rely upon Your advice, Commands and Pleasure, To which let every thing be Subservient.

I have reced by the hands of the Reverend Mr Stevenson 307. pagodas 16. Fanhams from Your Treasury. for which I return you my most humble

humble Thanks, beſeeching God that he will proſper all Your Labors and Deſigns, to the Glory of his Name, the advantage of the Illuſtrious East India Company Your ſelf and Noble ffamily! which are the Earneſt Wiſhes of

Illuſtrious Sr.

Tranquebar 10/21 October 1715. Yo.r most humble Servant
J: E: Grundler.

The Governors anſwer.

Reverend Sr.

4892 I received your most Acceptable Letter bearing date the 10/21 of October and Shall always think myſelf happy if in the diſcharge of my Office I can by any means promote your pious and Laudable Endeavors for propagating the Goſpel of Chriſt either here or in any part of our Territoryes. Moreover I am most ready to aſsiſt your Endeavors whenſoever you Intend to put your deſign in Execution. If you had rather begin at Dewanapatna than here, our Deputy Governor ſhall be ready to Defend Your Cauſe, And Whereas I have more than once underſtood from our Worthy friend Governor Haſsy, that you are very well diſposed and most capable of this Glorious Undertaking I cannot foreſee any hindrances unleſs what may ariſe from the dark Superſtition of thoſe who have a mind to Imbue with the Chriſtian Faith. I promiſe there ſhall be no Impediment on my part. In the mean time til You Certify us by what method you will proceed in the Execution of your deſign I bid you farewell, I wiſh you health and Succeſs in Your Labors, and am

Rev.d Sr.

Yo.r aſsured Friend

Madraspatna
25. Oct: 1715.

E Harriſon

Mr.

Mr Grundler's Reply

To Governour Harrison

Illustrious Sr &

Honoble Patron

4893 I understood from Your Worthy Answer, which was upon an Agreeable Topick that you are in the List of those Gentlemen, that sit at the Helm in a Civil Government who Esteem it a Joy to promote the Christian Religion as you have particularly promised Your assistance in our designs. You seem to Enquire of me, Illustrious Sr by what method We shall proceed in the Execution of our designs. I answer that the thing may be began by three methods.

The first method is shown in the Enclosed Scheme printed in Damulian Characters which by the advice and permission of our most Noble Governor and highly worthy Patron being fixd up in this City, some made a stand at the reading of it, others eagerly laying hold on the Occasion sent their Children to this School, whose Number is Encreased to 70.

Sch

Secondly I am of Opinion, that the Children of those Slaves that Serve the English may be recommended to this School. &

Thirdly That the Orphans may in a Christian manner be taken from the Damulians, and provided with Necessarys for Life.

That if (great Patron) the Damulians Acknowledge Yor Patronage Grace & Favor in Promoting this Work, and our Labor and Dexterity in informing their Children I doubt not their Consent to this pious Work, and success in our Undertaking. For the Favor and patronage of the Governor will easily Stifle the Obstrucons of Contradictors, and by the divine Conduct greatly promote Our Undertaking.

But Worthy Sr I earnestly desire a friendly Conference with the Reverend Mr Stevenson about this and other affaires of the protestant Mission if it be possible before the Departure of Your Ships, that the aforesaid Gentleman may Visit me, and Observe the order and Chain of our proceedings in this Work, In the mean time Ile not Cease to beseech God, that he may continually preserve You and make Yor Government and Commerce prosperous to ye Honorable East India Company, Your self and Inhabitants being

Worthy Sr

Yors

Devoted humble Servt

J. E. Grundler

Tranquebar

13. Novr. 1715.

4894. Wm. Squire at Deal in Kent 3. Septr. That if the Society have been pleaſed
to Order him any Books, he deſires they may be sent to Bear Key
and Deliver'd to Robert Pierſon Maſter of a Deal Hooker, & directed
to Mr. Hoyl at Deal –

4895 – Chancellor Lloyd at Hartlebury Castle Worceſtersh. Septr. 3d. That They are
now a Second year about Cloathing the poor Children in the Charity School at
Worceſter, who have made a very good Proficiency both in Learning
Sch. and Working. That at present there is but 30. B. & 20. Gs. but 'tis –
hoped their Number will be Enlarged as the Subſcripcons Increaſe
which as yet amount but to about 40l. p annum beſides his
Father's original Benefaction –.

4896 – Tho: Green Eſqr. at Weſton Favel Northamptonsh. 3. Septr.
That he has been Enform'd of a School at Kingsthorpe in
that Neighborhood founded by Sr. William Pritchard's ~~Relict~~
Sch. Widow, which is not mention'd in ye printed Accot. That at
preſent he ſhall omit giving any further Accot. thereof
til he receives better Intelligence.

4897. John White at Neyland in Suffolk Septr. 3. In Answr. to ye
Society's Circular Letter which he had done ſooner, were it
not for ſome private Differences that happen'd between –
ſome of the Gentlemen concern'd in ye Charity Schools there
which were carryed to ſuch a heighth as even threaten'd
their Diſſolucon. That notwithſtanding theſe
Differences, on which account ſeveral Gentlemen have
withdrawn their Subſcripcons, not only others have
Sch. come into ye ſame ~~Gen~~ Meaſures, but it will produce ſoe
good an Effect as the Erecting another Charity School.
in ye Neighboring Pariſh of Stoke, So that in all probability
things will go on regularly, That the School for Boys
was Erected April 1707 and that for Girls about a Year after
but the Number that have been Educated in Each, he
can't learn by reaſon no Exact accot. was taken before
his Coming thither, That ſeveral of the boys have
been out to huſbandry &c. That if ye Soc: would be
pleaſed to procure them ſome Bibles & Comon

25. Sepr NB To send him the Method used for Erecting Charity Schools.

22. Sep.^{r}

Mr Dolins says this School is not according to the regulation of Ch. Schools nor founded by S^{r}. Wm Prichchard.

25th Sep.^{r} - NB - To send him 1/2 a dozen of Bibles out of ye Soc.^{s} Store.

- Prayer Books which are very much wanting in ye Schools there being half ye Children of Each School totally Destitute thereof, It would be a very great and acceptable Charity

Thursday Septemb 13th: 1716

4898. Mr Chamberlayne at Thistleworth in Middlx 12 Septr. ~~[illegible]~~ Desiring to know what Resolutions the Society have taken upon one of his last Letters about Prayers for the King & Royal Family in the Prayers for the use of Charity Schools And whether the Society Suffers that Strange Report concerning ye Behavior of the Ch: School Masters to stand any longer on their Books. That he was much Scandalized when he first read it, but is much more soe now, having discourst an Eminent Citizen in that Neighborhood, one very well affected to the Present Government, a Trear of one of ye Charity Schools in the City, and a Member of that Comee from whence the Report he Complains of was brought

4899 George Doughty at Marlesham Suffolk 6. 7ber In Answer to the Societys of the 14 Augt. That the Reverend Mr Richard Drake Rector of Great Oakley having heard of ye great Designs of the Society, hath requested Mr. Curtis of Harwich and him self to recomend the said Mr. Oakley for a Corres=pounding Member, it being his own hearty Consent thereto, as hath likewise been Signifyed by Mr Curtis to Mr. Stubbs & Dr. Torriano. That Mr. William Robinson Vicar of Haverhill in Suffolk earnestly requests ye Same, he is Son in Law to Mr John Cooper of Great Bradley and intimately Acquainted with Mr Knight of Chipenham in Cambridgesh:

4900. J Fenton at Nottingham June 15. In Answer to ye Society's Circular Letter. That his Absence from home as official to the arch Deacon at his Visitacon Obliged him to defer til now Thanking the Society for the packetts directed to Mr. Town and himself.

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4901. Mr Jennings at Harefield Hertfordsh 7: Septr That he
shall not fail to lay the matter whereby Mr Best hath
given so great Offence, before the Trustees of ye Charity
Sch Schools at their first Meeting after his Return to Town,
and doubts not but they will take such proper measures
therein as will give entire Satisfacōn to the Society both
as to their good affecōn to the Government, & their readiness
to Comply with the Society in Vindicating themselves &
Supporting the Charitys wherein they are Concern'd.

Thursday. 20th Sepr 1716.

4902. Jo. Warren at Boxford Suffolk. 8th Sepr That for
two years past he has raised a Fund for teaching
about 20. poor Childn of his Parish, which there is
a prospect of fixing and improving yearly; but
they are at present Poor, and it would therefore
Sch be a great incouragemt to the Design, if
the Society would be pleas'd to bestow a
parcel of their books such as they shall think
proper for the use of such poor Children.

4903. Sha. Cooke at Faversham Kent. 13th Sepr to Mr Mills
abstracted in this days Minutes.

4904. Henry Maule at Corke in Ireland 6. Sepr to Mr Jennings
That the Charity Schools in his Parish of St Mary
Shandon in Cork were open'd this last Summer Assizes wth
46. Childn cloath'd in Green, who then made their first
appearance while the Judges & other persons of Note
were in Town, and 48.li was collected for ye benefit of ye
Sch. School, beside 11.li ꝑ an. for ever given by Mr Edwards
of Soho who happen'd then to be at Cork. That the
Annual Subscriptions comes to about 115. pound & ye
buildings with accomodations for Master & Mistress cost
near 500. pound, though only 12.li was the foundation
of this Charity, wch ye Good Providence of God has thus encreas'd.

That

29. Sepr. Order'd a Packet to the value of 10s.

Order'd a Packet to Mr. Mills to ye Val. of 10s.

See. 5126. for a latter Accot. of the Schs. at Cork.

That Mr. Abel Ram & some other Gent. of good Repute in Dublin have met and intend to form themselves into a regular Society for advancing the Charity Schools And the 2. last Years there have been Anniversary Sermons & as at London preach'd by the Bishops of Cork and Rapho. That Mr. Arch Deacon Walls Arch D. of Achonry is of ye Society, a zealous promoter of the Charity Schools & a person of great worth, whom he therefore recomends to be a Corresponding Member.

4905. Tho. Frampton at Broadhinton Wiltsh. 15. Sepr to M^{r}. Chute, That having got Subscriptions and made some progress towards erecting a Charity School, he shall be glad to be advised how to proceed therein by the Society, & in order to it readily gives his consent to be a Corresponding Member.

Thursday 27th. Sept^{r}: 1716

4906. Morgan Evans at Weobly in Herefordsh: 21. Septr. That having found (by the papers sent him from the Society) what Great difficultys as well as good Success the Danish Missionarys have mett with at Tranquebar, he thought they well deserved all the Encouragement that could be given them. That he had therefore Communicated the same to such of his friends as he thought would Joyn with him in promoting so good a Work. That he has Collected between 10. & 11$^{£}$. and desires to be Informed to what Person he may remit it, so that it may be faithfully applyed to the same good End. That their Schools continue in the same State, but he is apprehensive the Subscripcons will fall short this Year.

Thursday. 4th. Octob^{r}. 1716.

4907. Lord Bp of Carlisle at Rose Castle Cumb. 27th. Septemb^{r}. In answer to the Society's of the 18th. Septr. Concerning Captn. Morris's Proposal for inclosing part of a Common belonging to his Grace the Duke of Portland towards Supporting a Charity School in the Parish of Seburgham: That his Lordsp will readily Joyn in Application to his Grace for Allowing a few Acres of his large Commons towards so good a Work: That he is now Considering with the Parties Concerned what is fit to ask and the Society shall know the Result.

9th Octr - - - NB. To acquaint him that Mr Henry Hoare is the Trear for the Malabar Mission

The following Letter relating to the Malabar Miſsion was order'd to be enter'd verbatim.

from

4908. Sam. Briercliffe at Calcatta in the Bay of Bengal in the East Indies. 31st. Decr. 1715. Sir. I receiv'd your Letter dated Jany. 4th. 1714/5 with much pleaſure, and am proud the Society should take such Notice of me, who am Unworthey of it, it is a Generous & Noble design you are Carrying on, not only to provide for Mortal Bodies, but also for Immortal Souls: for the Institution of Youth in the principles of Christianity, will not only put 'em in a Method of getting a Livelyhood in an Honest and Usefull way both for themselves and publick, but also Conduct 'em in their way to Heaven; whose bleſsed Spirits will then point out these Happy persons (Shining like the Stars of Heaven) that Contributed themselves as Glorious Instruments of bringing them thither.

S^{r}

As to Your Enquiries I shall give You the best answer I can, and in that Order You make them (1.) A Malabarian Schoolmaster will be of no Use in this place, because the Langagues chiefly spoken, are Portugueese and Bengalls. (2.) the Christians in Bengall bear but a very small proportion to the Gentoes and Mahumetans. in this Settlement, we are not above One to Two Thousand: We have few Protestants in this place besides those of our own Nation; there are indeed great Numbers of the Portuguees Christians (in Comparison to us) who have got a very large Church, & they are Daily Making proselytes. for the Portuguees Lang: being well understood by many of the Natives, and very Currant withall in Matters of Buſineſs, does the easier Introduce the Romish Religion: The Portuguees have also another Church at Hughly about 20. Miles above us upon the River Ganges; & they have one at Balasore, & one at Chittigon. in all which places they have many Converts. (3.) The Portugueese have not Carryed on their Religion by Means of Schools, but chiefly by bringing up their Slaves & Servants whilst Young;

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Refer'd to the Malabar Comittee.

in their own faith. Many of which have afterwards throve in ye World and accordingly educated their own Children, Slaves &c. in that Religion, wch is the reason they are now so numerous in India (4) When I came here first, I proposed to have a School set up in this Place, and that I sho: willingly spend an hour or two in a day to overlook it, and assist in such an Undertaking, but my project dropt again. If such a thing was to be carryed on there ought to be both Languages taught. English and Portugueze, for it would be a tedious while before Slaves and Servants could Understand our Language (5) a man can't Lodge and board tolerably well under 40 Rupees ꝑ Month i.e. 5.lb (6) The portugueze have made no Progress in the Inland Countreys, what they have done is chiefly in Port or — Trading towns. there is one Felix a Romish Missionary (by relacon a very moderate Papist) who has travell'd very far into ye Countrey but is not able to make any Converts, neither indeed dare he own his Calling, for the Mahometans have as Severe an Inquisicon against those that Endeavor to Convert any from their own Religion, as the Church of Rome can have, he is a very good Physician, & Endeavrs to recomend himself to the Natives by Administring Medicine and this has been the method of Rome to send out no missionarys but what have some Knowledge of Physick or Mathematicks and to these is owing the Progress they have made in China. (7) as to their Traditions, I don't know much. their Notions — concerning the Creation of the World (I now speak of the Gentoes or Pagans) are Various, some beleive it to be from all Eternity, Others hold it to be Created, and that God made one man & Woman and left them to Multiply. The Universal Word for Man is Adame, which differs from the Hebrew only in the last Letter (8) Their Notion of the Deluge is very particular, tho they allow it to be General & Universal, but to have happend upon a different acco.t from what we meet with in holy Scripture. They beleive, two Great Prophets of God had a great Quarrel agt. each other, the one was Master of Fire and the other of Water, but the Water put out the Fire. and they have as odd a Tradition concerning the Ganges (which is one of the greatest Rivers in ye World) that its original was the Sweat of God, tho it is most certainly owing

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to the great rains we have. When the Sun is in this Trophick, and to ye dissolution of the Snows on the Mountains in Tartary. (9). As to Our Blessed Saviour, they have no Notion, and know nothing of his Birth and Passion, but they have a Tradition that God has been Incarnated ten times, and that the last time he was attempted to be murthered, but as God could not dye, he thereupon left ye Earth and ascended up to Heaven. The latter part of this is not very unlike the Story of Astraea we meet with in the Heathen Mythology, who left the Earth because of the Iniquity of mankind. Lastly we have no St. Thomas Christians in these parts, but I hear there are some upon the Coast of Coromandel, and accordingly I have wrote to Mr. Stevenson to give you an account of them

I recd the Packet of Books, sent on the Heathcoat, and have distributed them accordingly, but in my opinion there are some other Tracts that would be as edifying, if they are not too chargeable I mean some yt were writt by the late Bishop Beveridge upon the Sacrament, the Creed &c.

Before I conclude, I must give you an account of an Informacon of Madagascar, I have from Capt. Reed, who has lately been there. He says they are the best disposed People on that Island for the Reception of the Gospel, that he has met with in any part of ye World. They Worship two Gods, the one out of Love, and the other thro' Fear, but acknowledge the Good God to be Supream. Their only Objecon that he can Imagine would be agst. Xtianity, is Polygamy, which is very frequent among them. he has sent home a large Accot. of that Island to the Honoble Company, and gives them great Encouragemt. to make a Settlement there, the particulars you may learn more fully from their Secry. I Sincerely pray that the Divine Blessing may attend all the Consultations and Endeavors of the Society for Enlarging ye Kingdom of Our Blessed Lord and Saviour. I am

Sr

Yr most humble Servt

Sam: Briercliffe

4909. Robert Hill at Rowell Northamptonsh. October 1. Thanking the Society for the Present of Books and a Letter which he hears are sent him, tho he has not yet reced either.

4910. Jo. Ollyffe at Dunton Bucks 29. Septr. Thanking the Society for the packet he reced. That Mr Ostervalds Excellent Book is very usefull to direct good xtians in reading the Holy Bible with profit. That he will send M^{r}. Wagstaffs parcell in a day or two and Communicate his own to others as he has Occasion. That he can give no further Acco^{t}. of the Intended Charity School at Ailsbury, things being not yet settled.

4911. Jo: Harvey at Weston Herefordsh. 24. Septr. That having refused to take the oaths he has quitted his Living, but his Successor in Consideration of his having built a parsonage House — where none was before, permitts him to remain in the House at Weston And therefore if the Society are pleased still to honor him with their Correspondence he shall gladly continue his Care of the Charity Schools

4912. John Chamberlayne Esqr. at Richmond in Surrey 2. October — That two Charity Sermons were preached last Sunday at Thistleworth by the Bishop of Clogher and D^{r}. Burscough Chaplain to Her R: highness, that the Collecons that follow'd for the Charity Schools in that place amounted in the whole to £99.16.8. Including a Benefacon of 20.$^{£}$ sent by the Lord Carnarvon. That 9. or 10. of the richest Inhabitants being absent tis hoped their Alms will considerably Increase the Collecon. He beggs the Society will favor him with a little Packet of their oldest and smallest Tracts ag^{t}. Prophaness & Imorality for the use of the poor & Ignorant people in those parts, & if a few 8.º Charity Sermons were added he could make a very good use of them, He Proposes the Bishop of Clogher to be Chose a residing Member.

C. Let^{r}. 13. Nov^{r}.

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3. Nov^{r}.
vid. W. Book.

N3 To acq^{t} M^{r}. Harvey of the standing order of the Society relating to Nonjurors.

4th. Oct^{r}.

N3 To send him a packet to the value of 5.^{86}

4913 James Lowther Esqr at Whitehaven in Cumberland 26. Septr
That he is afraid the Charity Schools suffer by peoples Endeavoring in many places to make the Management a Party Business. tho he believes both partys there will agree not to put them forward. That Mr Dalton will be glad to receive the Societys Packet whenever they please to send it.

Thursday 11. October 1716.

4914. Wm Harrison at Stanton Glocestersh October 6. Thanking the Society for their present of Books this year which came safe to hand That the Charity Schools under his Care had a great Loss by ye death of Col: Colchester, which (as he hath reason to fear) will be reduced to a smaller Number of Children by the death also of Mr Wyndham.

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4915. Dr Tho: Apperley at Hereford October 8th That he recd the Society's Packet and returns his hearty thanks for it wch he shall Endeavor to make the most profitable use of. That he had sent forward the packet directed to Mr Harrison And that for the Bishop of Landaff he sent to his Lordsp's house there, his Lordship being gone for London. That the Charity Schools in that City continue in a very good State, having this year placed out 6. Boys & 1. Girl Apprentices, but he finds it a difficult point to dispose of any to the Country affairs or to procure Services for the Girls.

Sch

J. Hinton.

20th Sept. . . NB To send him an Acco.t of what was done by the Trustees at their General Meeting.

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4916. J. Hinton at Newbury Berks October 4. To thank the Society for the packet he had reced That he hath forwarded that directed to Mr. Sandilands as he will the rest Comitted to his Care as soon as possible. That there are some new Charity Schools in his Neighborhood, concerning which he will transmit an Account to the Society when he receives Intelligence of the State thereof.

4917 Robert Lightfoot at Ampthill Bedfordshire October 4th. Thanking the Society for their packet of Books lately come to his hand & promising to Employ them as will best Answer the end for wch they were sent.

4918. Richard Drake at Great oakley in Essex 4. October. In answer to the Societys first Genl Letter of the 29. Ult. signifying his hearty Consent and desire of being admitted a Corresponding Member of the Society whose designs he shall always Study to promote to the utmost of his power.

4919 { Caleb Parfoct } at Longcot Berks ~~[illegible]~~ September ye 24th. That they
George Stephens } had reced the Societys packet which has been very useful and return their hearty thanks for the same as do likewise the whole Neighborhood in General. That these presents have not only provoked many persons of the best figure thereabouts to bestow liberally at the Collection for the Charity School there but have had this other good Effect. That ye said Books being distributed have put an end to the disorderly Meetings and foolish Pastimes of the Idle People that come to Longcot the Feast day on which the Collection is made.

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Thursday 18th ~~August~~ October 1716

The following Letter from His Grace of Canterbury Dated Westminster June the 6. 1716. was Order'd to be enterd Verbatim

To Edward Jennings Eſqr. &c. the Worthily reſpected the Governors & Directors of the Charity Schools in & about the Citys of London & Westmr.

Gentlemen –

4920. I can now with Satisfacon Acquaint You that I presented Your Petiton on the behalf of our Charity Schools yesterday to the houſe and that the Effect was as happy as could have been wiſhed: For the Bill was rejected and thereby the danger which threatned thoſe pious Nurſeryes for the present is removed. But indeed I cant tell how ſoon it may return, if some Effectual Care be not taken by you to purge them from all such Maſters and Miſtreſses as instill any Factious or Seditious principles into their Children, and rigorously to animadvert upon all whether Children or Teachers who either appear or Suffer them to appear at any time in Publick ~~[illegible]~~ to affront the Government & bear a part in thoſe Tumults and Riotts which are so great a Scandal as well as prejudice to the good Order and Peace of the Realme

It is a melancholy thing to Consider what Unhappy Diviſions We at present Labor under. But it will be still more Melancholly to think that theſe diviſions are never to have an end. That our Children are to be bred up by Principle to perpetuate them, and thereby turn the Nurserys of Religion and Good Education into Seminarys of Faction and Rebellion. This, Gentlemen, ought not so to be, Xtianity will not allow of it nor any Government Endure it, And I muſt therefore Conjure You as e're you deſire to keep up this Noble & Excellent

Charity and render it truly a Blessing to our Church and Nation, that you will Effectually put an end to, if there be any just ground for this Complaint, and enquire diligently into those who have given Occasion for it, and rid your Selves of them.

Whether it be true that there any Catechisms or Institucons taught in any of these Schools that meddle with political or Party principles I cannot tell. I hope there are not: If there be I am sure these also ought to be imediately thrown aside. These Schools as they are Erected meerly for the Glory of God the Reforming of the Manners and Improving the peace and Piety of the Realm by a good Education of our poor Children, so should they be wholly dedicated to these purposes, and nothing be taught or allowed in them that tends to any other. Your Care in these matters and the good Example of Your proceeding unanimously, & amicably in them without regard to any Unhappy names or distincons, or so much as hearing that there is any difference in any thing among You. As it will be the best Service you can do these Schools and the surest method of having them left for ever to Your Wise and pious Management, So is it upon both these Accounts in the name of God most earnestly recomended to all of You by him who has a true regard to these Establishments and is with a very sincere respect

Gentlemen.

Yo. Faithfull & Affectionate
Friend & Servt.

W: Cant:

The following Letter from Mr. John Ernſt Grundler
Dated Tranquebar in the East Indies 16. Janry 1715/6
was Ordered to be enterd Verbatim

Viri Illustres, Maxime Reverendi, & Maxime
Honorabiles. Patroni demiſsi animi Cultu
atque Obsequio proſequendi

4921. Quas præterlapso anno 28° Augusti ad Vos Scripseram litteras, in duplo cum vestris ~~et~~ Hollandicis navibus ad Europam tranſmiſsi.

Bono cum Deo consilium Vestrum de Erigendis Scholis Damulicis tum Madraspatnæ tum Dewanapatnæ jam felicius Succedit, quam antea Speraveram. Inito primum Litterarum commercio cum Hon: Gubernatore in Castello St Davidis vel Dewanapatnæ, Dno Hastings, exarabam etiam litteras ad Honor. Gubernatorem in Castello Sti Georgii vel Madraspatnæ Dnum Harrison, qui in suis responſoriis non tantum proclivem Suum erga hanc Miſsionem animum declarabat, & inſtituendæ Scholæ libertatem Suppeditabat, sed etiam de modo, quo in proposito noſtro exequendo progreſsuri Simus, inquirebat. Proponenti mihi poſtea tres modos probabat Specialim primum, vel etiam quemcunq; ipſe eligere vellem. Hac de re, ligite ipſi Viri Illustres, quatuor injecta Epistolarum nostrarum exemplaria. Sed Solus jam multis Laboribus involutus, negotium hoc pium differendum eſse cenſeo usq; ad Ziegenbalgii nostri felicem reditum.

Statuerat Reverendus Stevenſon me hic inviſere præterito menſe Decembri: Sed ob tempestatem extraordinarie pluvialem sine Summo periculo iter tam longinquum aggredi nequivit. Et hoc menſe Jannario tot negotia habet exequenda, ut impoſsibile ipsi sit huc proficiſci priusquam naves Anglicæ ad Europam vela dederint. Interim opera ac Studio Viri hujus excitati Schola charitatis Anglica Madraspatnæ erecta eſt. in qua Octodecim pueri sub ductu duorum præceptorum & duodecim puellæ sub ductu viduæ probæ gratis inſtruuntur ac nutriuntur: Cui Inſtituto pio etiam inſervit noſtrum Typographeum a Vobis huic Miſsioni donatum. De discipulo noſtro Luſitano, quem Madraspatnam ad linguam

Anglicam

The Translation.

Illustrious Gentlemen, Most Reverend & most Honorable. Patrons highly to be respectected.

NB. this Lre was refer'd to the Comittee

I transmitted a duplicate of those Letters I wrote last Year bearing date the 28 August by Yours and the Dutch Ships to Europe.

Your design of Erecting Damulian Schools at Madraspatna as well as at Dewanapatna hath mett with better Success than I at first Expected. When I first began a Correspondence by Letters with the Honorable Governor Hastings of Fort St David or Dewanapatna, I likewise wrote to the Honorable Governor Harrison of Fort St George or Madras Patna who in his answer not only [illegible] shewd a liking to this Mission, and granted leave to Erect a School, but likewise Enquired into the means We proposed for the Execution of our design afterwds having proposed 3. Methods. he particularly approved of the first I sent him or any other I had amind to pitch upon. Wherefore Worthy Gentlemen, Do You Your Selves read the 4. Inclosed Copys of four Letters. But having now much Businiss on my hands, I am of the opinion this Good design must be deferd til the happy return of Mr. Ziegenbalgh.

The Reverend Mr. Stevenson had purposed to make me a Visit this last December, but by reason of an Extraordinary rain could not Undertake so great a Journey without great danger, and in this month of Janury he is so much hurryed with business that he cant by any means come hither before the English Ships have set Sayl to Europe. In the mean time by the Care and Pains of this Gentleman an English Charity School is opend at Madras patna wherein 18. Boys under the Tuition of Two

Masters

Anglicam discendam misi. Scribit Vir nominatus "Benevalet. Andreas noster,
„ Studio linguæ Anglicæ sedulo incumbit & omnibus placet". Optandum foret
ut Reverendus Briercliff Callacattæ in Bengala exemplum nostri laudati
Stevenson sequeretur, et Scholam Anglicam ibi iterum restauraret. Scribit
enim in suis ad me: "Quondam in hoc loco fuerat Schola Anglicana, sed
„ nullus progressus sequebatur, et nunc Strenua nos exercet inertia". At enim
vero si ibi etiam ejusmodi probum institutum inchoaretur, Anglicam ibi
Nationem, quæ propenso semper animo ad pias caussas sumtus facit, illud
bono successu magnopere secundaturum esse, nullus dubito.

Noster Honor. Gubernator Dnus Hassius, magna Benevolentia (quo Dei clementia est) me jam prosequitur. Ex animo me amat, officium meum & Missionem quocunq; modo, quantum potest, promovet. Suisq; commendatitiis amorem & gratiam Honor. Dni Harrison mihi conciliavit

Jam valde occupati sumus in extruenda mola chartaria. Laudatus noster Gubernator expensarum mediam partem contribuit, et ego hujus Missionis loco alteram partem. Structura lignorum ad hanc molam pertinentium peracta est; paucis ab hinc diebus ædificium ipsum struere incepimus. Si totum opus Deo auspice bene succedit, & huic Missioni et toti Indiæ magno erit commodo.

Theologiam idiomate damulico jam excudimus, cujus tres priores plagulas cum aliis tractatulis quos hucusq; impressimus inclusi.

Deus O. M. vestras amplissimas Dignitates sospites conservet, omnibus divinis donis magis magisq; ornet, & omnipotenti sua dextera protegat!

Illustrium atq; Maxime Reverendorum
et Maxime Honorabilium
Nominum Vestrorum
Cultor devotissimus

Tranquebar 16°. Januarij
A°. 171^{5}6.

P. S. Exemplar molæ chartariæ hisce exhibeo.

Johes Ernestus Grundler

Masters and 12. Girls under the Care of a pious Widow are taught and
maintaind Gratis. To which pious design the printing Press presented to this
Mission by Yours. Subservient. The above mentiond Gentleman gives this
Account of the Portuguese Lad I sent him to learn the English Tongue.
" Andrew is in good health, he diligently applys himself to the Study of the
" English Tongue, and gives Content to us all." It were to be wished the
Reverend Mr Briercliff at Calacatta in Bengall would follow this Example
of Mr. Stevenson and again renew the English School there. For he wrote on
this wise to me. "Formerly there was an English School in this place, but we
" made no progress therein, and now a deep Laziness has possessed us." But if such
a pious design were again set on foot there I don't doubt but the English who
always readily Contribute to such good designs would Crown it with Success.

Our Honorable Govr. Hassy is exceedingly kind to me (which is Occasiond by the Clemency of the Almighty) he entirely loves me and promotes my Office and Mission as much as possible he can, and by his recomendatory Letters has procured me the Love and Favor of the Honoble Governor Harrison

We have been very buisy of late in Building a Paper Mill. Our Honoble Governor has defray'd half the Expence, and I on the Missions Account the other half. The timber work belonging to this Fabrick is Finished And a few days after we began the Edifice it self. If this work under God meets with Success it will be very necessary both to this Mission and all India.

We have now printed our Divinity in Damulian Characters the 3. first Sheets whereof together with some other small Tracts which we have hitherto printed I have Enclosed

May the Almighty preserve Your honors and more and more adorn you with his Divine Graces and protect You with his all powerfull arm.

I am

Illustrious most Reverend & most
Honoble Persons

Yor. most devoted Servt.

John Ernest Grundler

P.S. I have here sent a dra.t of
our Paper Mill.

The following Letter from the Governor of Fort St George in the Indies Dated 17 Xber 1715 To Mr John Ernest Grundler at Tranquebar was orderd to be Enterd Verbatim

Reverendo Dno Johanni Ernesto Grundler Missionario

Vir plurimum Reverende

4922 Summas tibi refero gratias pro votis benignis, que in literis tuis 13 November nuper exhibuisti cum proposito Vestro de Schola in usum Damulorum hic erigenda. Similem (si fallor) velles instituere illæ, quæ Tranquebariæ jam floret; cujus Schema e Lingua Malabarica translatum perlegi, proboq; sed quemcunq; modum elegeris; et in quocunq; loco Scholam ordiri proposueris, hic nempe, vel Tevenapatnæ, sicut patrocinium nostrum et protectionem antepromisi, ita me omni occasione & modis omnibus quantum licebit vobis ad futurum rursus polliceor: et nequaquam dubito, quin conatus vestri secundi erint, et quod omnia feliciter contigerint sic saltem apprecatur.

Dominationis Tuæ Reverendæ

Amicus maxime observans

E: Harrison

The Translation

To the Reverend Mr. John Ernest
Grundler Miſsionary

Rever.d S.r

I return you most hearty thanks for your kind Prayers which you lately manifested in Yours of the 13. of Novemb. together with Your Intentions of Erecting a School here for the uſe of the Damulians. You would (if I mistake not) Institute one like that which now flourishes at Tranquebar, the Scheme whereof translated from the Malabarick I have read and approved of. But whatever method you shall pitch on and in whatever place You propoſe to open a School, whether here or at Tevenapatna, as I before promised my Patronage and Protecon, so I again promiſe never to be wanting on any Occaſion or design as far as its Lawfull for me. And I do not in the least Question but Your Endeavors will Succeed and that every thing will have a prosperous Event: So at least Wiſhes.

Rev.d S.r &c

Yo: most respectfull Friend

E: Harrison

4923. Saml. Knight at Chipenham Cambridgesh: October 16. That he had
rec^{d} the Societys packet and desires his thanks may be accepted
for the same That the others Comitted to his Care he had forwarded
to Messrs. Cooper Fairclough and Bithel. That the Charity
School Erected by the Earl of Orford was open'd last Midsum^{r}
day, That the Schoolhouse and Schoolmasters apartm^{ts}. being
now Compleatly finished contain in front 8. large Sash
Windows which makes the Fabrick very beautifull which
cost upwards of 800^{li}. That the Masters Salary is 20^{l} p
annm That the smaller Children below the Testament
are taught by another person in the Town, and are drawn
off when fitt for the other Schools. The School mistress hath
also a small Salary. That the Lord Bishop of Norwich being
4. days at my Lord Orfords honored the School with his
Sch: presence as did also the Chancelor of Norwich who both gave
to the Charity box. That many persons of Note coming to
Newmarket twice a Year, and several happening frequently
to View his Lordships house, the Beautiful Fabrick of the
School comonly Invites them in, which put him in mind of
Erecting a Charity box for the Children and that it hath answered
Expectation That the Earl of Orford Cloathed 14. Children at
opening the School and the box money serves to buy Books
pens &c. That at Dalham in Suffolk Mr Aflect has set up a
Charity School for all the poor Children of that Village, and
fitted up a Schoolhouse allowing 10^{li}. a Year to a Master and last
Michas Cloathed 20. of the poorest Children

4924. Chan: Bacon at Reading Berkshire 11 October Thanking the Society
for the packet he had rec^{d} that he forwarded the other two to Mr Beaulieu
and Mr Reeves That he finds the people there who Complain of hard times
&c. very backward to promote the Charity School in that Town Tho' he shall
use his utmost to keep it up That upon the death of one M^{rs}. Doolittle who
is now near 69 there will be left to that place 30^{li}. a Year for Erecting a
Charity School for all the poor Children to read write &c. two of which
to be placed out Apprentices every Year That the Trustees of this Charity
(which was left by M^{rs}. Doolittles former husband) are the Mayor &
Corporation of the said Town.

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To desire Mr. Bacon to signify when Mrs Doolittle dies if it sh^d. happen in his Life time.

4925. Wm Hopkins at Lantrythyd Glamorgansh. 8. October That he hath till now waited in Vain for the packet of Books from Mr Downing, therefore desires that diligent Enquiry be made after them.

4926 John White at Neyland in Suffolk October ye 13th. That the ½ doz: of Bibles which the Society were pleased to Order him some time since are not yet come to his hands nor hath he heard anything of them. That the Carryer Inns at the Kings-arms in Leaden hall Street.

4927. Danl. Sturmy at East Hatley Cambridgesh. 10. Oct.
4928 Luke de Beäulieu at Whitchurch Berks ——18 Oct.
4929. Richd. Peers at Faringdon Berksh. 9. Octob.
4930. Ely Stansfield at Newark Nottinghamsh. 13. Octob.
} all severally acknowledging the receipt of ye Society's packet & promising to make the best use of them, there being nothing else material in the said Letters. —

4931. Caleb Parfect at Faringdon Berks. 9. October To thank ye Society for the packet he had receiv'd, That Mr Ostervalds Book is very Valuable of which he makes the following use. Every Sunday afternoon he reads prayers and Catechises, which gives him time enough to read the Observations on the Psalms and first Lesson, adding withall a few Reflecions of his own framed after the like manner on the Second. By which method he hopes to bring his people to a better Understanding of the Holy Scriptures not only to inform their Judgements but to Stir up their Wills to a fervent desire, that they may digest in their hearts and Express in their Lives the Important things therein contained. —

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4932 — Wm. Ayerst at Colchester in Essex 18. October That for some Months past he has been settled in a Country Living near that place call'd Great Birch, where he finds the Parishioners well disposed tho not very knowing in matters of Religion, many being Poor & none above the Quality of a Farmer. That he has dispersed several of ye Societys Books among them, as he hopes to good Effect. That he likewise pays

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Answd. 13th Octr. NB The packet was sent ye 28 July by John Watkins ye Carr
to Monmouth.

NB. These Bibles were sent in his Annual Packet.

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likewise pays a Mistress for teaching several of the poorest Children to read. he therefore desires the Society would be pleased to bestow on him such a packet of Books as they shall Judge most proper. but particularly he desires.

Some Copies of Bp Beveridges Sermon on the Comon prayer
Forms of prayer on the Sacrament.
Husbandmans Manual.
The Christian Monitor.
The Importance of a Religious Life, and
Lewis's Catechism.

That he is ashamed to ask this favor not only on Acco.t of his not attending the Society since he came last from Holland but because of an Accident that happend to a Letter and Packet which was Comitted to his Care for Mr D'Allone at the Hague both which he imediatly delivered to Mr Stokoe a Bookseller whom he constantly entrusted to transmit things to Holland but Mr D'Allone writes him word that after all the Enquiry he hath made, he can hear nothing of them. Mr Ayerst Encloses a Letter from Mr ffair a Serv.t to the Lady Portland which Justifys his care in Inquiring after them. That Mr D'Allone has desired him to return his thanks for the Honor the Society have done him. He recomends it to the Society to send him another Letter by the post, and as for a packet that he won't stand in so much need of it having left several Books with him particularly the Annual Sermons when he came from Holland.

4933. Dr La Croze at Old Windsor 13. October Thanking the Society for the packet he had rec'd, which he had Acknowledged sooner had he not been prevented by a Severe Indisposition. That he will Inform him self as soon as possible of what hath been or is proper to be done in relation to the intended Charity School at Eaton concerning which as well as all other matters of the like kind, he will Transmit an Acco.t to the Society.

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4934. J: Chamberlayne Esq.r at Petty France 23d. Octob: That Mr. Smith who was formerly Operator and Chymist under the famous Mr Boyle had sent him a large Parcel of Copys of Grotius de Veritate Religionis Christianæ translated into Arabick and desires they may be a present fro him to the Danish Missionaryes who will have many an Opportunity to distribute them among the Mahometan Indians and apply them as an Antidote to ye Bible or Alcoran of their Infamous Impostor.

4935. Dr Godolphin Dean of St. Pauls at London 8ber 19 to Mr. Chamberlayne. That he shall be ready at all times to do his part towards Setting up a Charity School at Eaton, And as to the Societys meeting once a Week in the Chapter house he can't give a positive Answer without the Consent of his Brethren two of whom being at present out of Town, but he is apt to think there will be no great difficulty in obtaining it.

4936 Mr Hill at Richmond Surrey 16 8.ber To Mr. Chamberlayne That he hopes the arch Bishop of Canterbury will obtain the Restitution of the pentions of Mess.rs Appia, which were allowed for many Years to the Vaudois Ministers That there was a small Pention particularly Settled on the two Appias w.ch he hopes Mr. Chetwynd when he comes to Town will Solicit the Payment of. That he hopes Mr Chamberlayne has Spoke to the Provost of Eaton about the Charity School intended to be set up there, with whom he shall always Concurr in what Measures soever he is pleased to propose for that purpose.

4937. Robert Rogers at Dedham Essex 18. October To thank the Society for the packet he had rec.ed That it hath been a Comfortable refreshm.t to his mind to hear of the Wonderfull Progress made by the protestant Missionarys in India in so Short a time And that our divisions at home have not put a Stop to soe Great an Undertaking. —

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4938. John Jelland at Denton Lincolnsh. Octob: 20. Thanking ye Society
for the Packet he had reced which he shall distribute in such
manner as he sees Occasion. That the Charity School there
is free for all the poor Children of the parish upon a Subscrn
of 10s. ꝑ Annum.

4939. Dr. Wroe at Manchester Lancashire 19. October That he had reced the
Society's packet and returns them many Thanks for it and shall
dispose thereof where they may best Answer the designs of the Society.
That the late Confusion in those parts has put all things in disorder
Yet he is not without hopes of Informing the Society in a short
time of a Charitable design which he Expects will speedily be
Settled.

4940. Tho: Harrison at Stoke Edith Herefordsh: 20. October To Thank ye Society
for the packet he had received, That the Charity Schools there
and parts Adjacent go on Successfully, tho not with any such
Alteracons as Deserve to be Communicated to the Society.

4941. Tho: Lane at Newland Glocestrsh: 22. October. Thanking the
Society for the packet he had reced That he cannot give
an Acct. of any New Improvement made on ye Charity-
Schools there, but on the contrary have lost a good friend
by the much Lamented death of Mr Wyndham That
for the future he desires he may be directed to as Lecturer
of Newland being no longer Schoolmaster, & Mr Bannister
who Succeeds him in that place, has Acquitted himself
with great diligence.

4942 Samd. Carte at Leicester 17. October That he had reced the Society's
Packet with those for Messrs Allen, Bewick & Henley-
which he had forwarded pursuant to their Several
Jch Direcons. That he dont find any Alteracons in relation to-
the Charity Schools thereabouts, but hopes it may not be
altogether Improper to Acquaint the Society That one Mr
Tho: Topp of St. Martins in Leicester decd has given 200l.
to

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--- to the minister & Chh Wardens of the said Parish to be laid out in Land. The annual product whereof to be employd by them in placing out ——— apprentice one child of such poor parents as hav e many to provide for.

4943 Daniel Hallows at Hertford 21. October Thanking the Society for ye
Packet he had rec'ed and particularly for Mr. Oſterwalds uſefull
Book with the Biſhop of Lincolns Sermon and the exerciſe agt Lying.
As to the Charity Schools there they remain much in the same State
as laſt Year. That as yet they have placed out but one boy app=
=prentice But as the Arrears come in from the Subſcribers which is
expected soon they shall be able to bind out 5. more at 5l. each. &
shall be glad to hear of some good Maſters free of London that will
take them on thoſe terms and provide them Cloaths.

4944. John ~~Brad~~ Cowper at Great Bradley Suffolk 8ber 23d. To thank ye Society
for the Packet he had rec'ed, part whereof he has delivered to Mr.
Robinson a Neighbor of his who he underſtands has receiv'd
a Letter from the Society inviting him to their Correspondence
That Mr. Robinſon is Endeavoring to Erect a Charity School in
his Pariſh where the Education of the Poor has been very much
Neglected. That he beleives Mr Robinſon may be a happy
Instrument of doing much good, In which he shall aſſiſt to
the utmoſt of his Power.

4945. Capell Berrow at Northill Bedfordshire Octob: 20. That he had
rec'ed the Society's Packet with another for the Dean of
Gloceſter which he had forwarded Accordingly. That ye
present Constitution of the Charity School there is as follows
Sch Viz. 20. Children are taught to read &c. by the Clerk
of the Pariſh in a room fitted up for that purpoſe over ye
Church porch at an annual Stipend of 6l. a Year Subſcrib'd
by himſelf and others. but in Consideracon of so small
an allowance he hath Liberty under proper Limitacons
to take in the Children of thoſe who are able of themſelves
to pay for their Learning.

4946. Ld A: Bp of Canterbury at Hampton Court Octob. 12. That he had therewth
return'd the Draft of the Societys Letter to the Governor & Council at Fort St.
George corrected in that part which concerns himſelf, & put in such terms
as he shall be very ready and pleased to Comply with for promoting ye good
deſign which the Society aims at, he Deſires all the worthy Members of it
to be aſſured that nothing shall be wanting on his part to further their pious
Endeavors, which with themſelves he heartily Commends to the Bleſſing and
acceptance of God. /

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4947. The following Letter being a Translation from the Original in French Dated at Neufchatell the 21 Oct. N: S. 1716. was Orderd to be Enterd Verbatim —

Most Illustrious Lords & Gentlemen

My son having Acquainted me of the Proofs of the Goodneſs he did receive from you when he was in London; I could not forbear Shewing You my hearty Acknowledgements. You have not only been pleased to Convince my Son in a most distinguishing manner that you still continue thoſe favorable Sentiments for which you have formerly honored me, but You have likewiſe proceeded so far as even to Joyn ~~with~~ him to Yor. Illustrious Body, which is a favor and Honour, that such a Young man as he durſt never have aspired to. I share with him Most Illustrious & most Honorable Gentlemen in so Singular a favor And I am obliged to You for it in the higheſt manner. As I have had the happineſs for Several Years past of being a Member, thô an Unprofitable one of Your Venerable body, I Ought to have still more and more Attachment and respect for it. I only wish I were in a Condition of Seconding in some Meaſure Your Pious deſigns, and if there be anything in which You think fit to Employ me, You ſhall ever find in me a Member Zealously disposed to obey You in all things. There is nothing more in my powr. at preſent Gentlemen than only to pray to God that he will continue ~~and~~ to bleſs as he has hitherto done Yor. holy undertakings. & to beseech You always to honor me with Your Good will. I am with all ye Zeal & respect I ought to be.

Moſt Illuſtrious Lords & Gentlemen

Yor. moſt humble & moſt
obedt. Servt.

J. F. Osterwald

4948. Abram Morse at Newent Glocestersh: 20 October Thanking ye Society for the packets to himself and Mr. Avenant who is very old & Infirm That the death of Col: Colchester and others, with the omission of Some of their Contributors has been a Great unhappiness to them. which has Occasion'd the Number of Charity Children there to be reduced. That the present State of that School and others thereabouts Stand thus.

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Oxenhall	2:	20
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4949. J. Chamberlayne Esqr. at Westmr. 1. Novr. Enclosing the translation of a Letter from the Reverend Mr Ostervald of Neufchatel. ~~that~~ to the Society. That Mr. Green and himself are concerting Measures to obtain a Room from the R. Society in Crane Court for this Society to meet in, which if obtained, he believes the Society must Change their day. That if they have regard to the Majority of their Body, they will rather Choose Crane Court than St. Pauls Chapter house, because he is of Opinion it will appear that more Members live West of ye former than East of the latter, whether one Considers the whole Numb: or those that constantly attend.

4950 — Morg: Evans at Weobly in Herefordsh: 23. Oct: To Mr. Hoare That having many times heard of the Undertakings Difficulty's & Success which the Protestant Mission to India has met withall he was moved thereby to Contribute what lay in his power to forward so good a design and to Communicate the same to such of his Acquaintance as he thought Inclineable to Encourage so Charitable an Undertaking. Whereupon he hath sent up ye Sum of 10l: 19s. 6d being so much Collected among his friends named in the Letter, as follows.

A Lady that desires to be unknown	1: 7. 6.
Mrs. Cockram Widow	1: 1: 6
John Salwey Esqr.	2: 3: -
Richd. Salwey Esqr. & John Salwey Clerk	2: 3: -
Mr. Cesar & Mr. Hopkins 10s Each	1: -: -
Henry Salway	10: 9
John Wooden Clerk	1: 1: 6
Mr Henry Francis	10: 9
Mor: Evans	1: 1: 6
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4951. Wm Johns at Stroud Glocestersh: 15. October That he has reced the Societys packet and returns his Thanks for it. That he had forwarded two more to Cirencester and Wooton Undridge but Mr Bromfield of Kingswood Gl being dead some Months, he deſires the Comands of the Society how to diſpoſe of the packet directed to him.

4952 Francis Wells at Prestbury Glocr: 26 Oct
4953. J. Bringhurst at Ely Cambridgesh. 27. Oct } Thanking the Society for the packets ſeverally reced by them, there being nothing more material in the said Letters.

4954. Jos: Grave at Lewes in Suſsex 27. Oct: To thank ye Society for the Packet he had reced. That the other packets directed to Meſsrs Peirce, Colborn, Springett. Sr N. Pelham. Sawyer & Wright he had forwarded purſuant to their ſeveral direcons.

4955. Lewis Thomas at Oxford 30. October. That he had reced ſeveral Packets from the Society and forwarded those to other ꝑsons reſerving one to himſelf for which he returns his Thanks and encloſes a printed Account of the Cha: Schools in that University to Michas. 1715.

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4956. Charles Bean at Barham in Kent. 24. October. To thank the Society for the packet he had reced. That the School at Lidd is encreaſed to near the Number of 40. Children, And he himſelf has added four to the School at Barham this Year which he deſigns to Continue as long as he remains in that place.

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4957. Tho: Thornicraft at Woborn Bedfordshire 27. Octob: That Mr Newcomb had deſired him to acquaint ye Society that their packet came ſafe to his hands for which he deſires them to accept his Thanks. That the Charity Schools there are continued by the dutcheſs of Bedford in ye ſame Method they were from the beginning.

James

W. Bromfield's Pamphlets

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Answd. 24. Novr. NB. Sent him a Circular Lettr. but not as to a Correspond.t

4958. James Lowther Esqr. at Whitehaven Cumberland 24. Octob: That Mr Dalton of that place had rec'd the Society's packet, wch will be very usefull there. That he is in great hopes of obtaining Subscripcons for a Charity School in that Town. That he is Glad to hear of the endeavors for Expelling the Dissaffected Teachers out of the Charity Schools, which he hopes will prevent Loyal people from withdrawing their Contribucons.

4959. Jo: Downing London 1. Novr. That being now upon ye 8th. Sheet of Mr. Nicols's Book he begs leave to acquaint ye Society that unless 500. or more be Subscribed for, he shall loose considerably thereby, by reason, that that No. will not near make up the prime Cost. he therefore begs ye Society to procure what Subscripcons they can toward it. That Mr. Nicols is very desirous of having two Cutts of St Pauls Cathedral affixed to the Book, for which end Mr. Nicols desires the Society may be moved about it, hoping they will bear ye Charge of that Expence.

4960 Edward Gregory at Wooton Undrige Glocr. sh: 27. Oct: That the Society's packet came safe to hand, for which he returns his Thanks. That it was also very Acceptable to the Trustees of the Charity School, who are in hopes still to be favoured with the Annual Benefacon of 5li. Intended by the late Mr Nelson. That on the 16th of September he preached a Charity Sermon for the Benefit of the poor Children, which was requited at the Church door with 10li. & upwards. That this first Sermon meeting with such Encouragemt. will Occasion an Annual one for ye future.

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Dr. Horne.

Answd the 20. Novr
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C. L. 20. Novr - NB. To Communicate this Lre to Mr. Hoare.

4961. Dr. Herne at Norwich October 29 Thanking the Society for ye packet he had rec'ed, that he had forwarded Dr. Tanners and Alderman Riſebrow's as directed. That he is now going to reſide in Suffolk for a Month, and at his return will make it his Busineſs to Enquire into the particular State of the Charity Schools there and in Norfolk in order to render the printed Account stil more perfect, which shall be Communicated to the Society

4962. Jo: Jackett at Folkestone Kent Novr. 3
4963. Gilbert White at Selborn Hampsh: 29. 8ber
4964. Geor: Barnsley at Selcomb Suſsex 29: 8ber

Thanking the Society for the packetts they had rec'ed, there being nothing elſe material in the said Letters.

4965. Benj: Bewicke at Barrow Leicestersh: 2. Novr: To thank ye Society for the packet he had rec'ed. That having no Occurrences at preſent to Communicate, he deſires to know if Bp Beveridge's diſcourſe on the Comon prayer be reprinted.

4966 John Abell at Stilton Huntingdonsh: Nov: 6: That he had receiv'd the Societys Packet and returns his Thanks for it. That as ſoon as Mrs. Brobys Charity Schools at Elton & Yaxley are Settled by her Executors, he will inform the Society thereof. C

4967. Anthony Addison at Abingdon Berks. 6. Novr. Thanking the Society for the packet he had received. That he hopes this term will produce the Settling of Mr. Provott's Benefacon for Erecting a Cha: School, about which the Society shall be informd C

4968 Dr. Fenton at Lancaster 2. Novr. To thank ye Society for ye packet he had rec'ed. That at Aughton in the pariſh of Halton in that County a New Charity School (of which he is a Trustee) is Erected for all the poor Children without distincon which is Endow'd with 30lb. p Ann by the Will of Mr. Robert Burton C

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4969. Dr. Thackham at Cambridge 2. Novr. That he had rec'ed three packets from the Society, those for Dr. Colbatch and Mr. Bringhurst he had forwarded accordingly, and thanks the Society for that to himſelf. That he should be glad to receive any Inſtrucons whereby he might any ways be subſervient to further ye designs of ye Society. C.

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B. To acquaint him that Mr. Manship is ye Sole Proprietor of Bp Bev.s Sermon on ye Com: Prayr. that he last printed ye 22d. Edit. & has by him of them abt. 800. or 1000. Copies to sell at 20. Shills. p hund.d vid. Min: 1 of the 25th. of Octobr.

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4970. Noah Neale at Stamford Lincolnsh: 6. Novr To thank ye Society for ye packet he had recd, wherein was ye 3d. part of Pietas Hallensis. That if the Society would favor him with ye 1st. & 2d. part he beleives it would Contribute something to those wonderfull Steps of providence.

4971. Henry Downes at Brington Northamptonsh 30. Octob: To thank ye Society for the Packet he had recd tho not so soon as it might be if it had at his desires it may for the future be delivered to Cook the Northampton Carryer from the Ram in Smithfield. That the Charity School in that parish which was lately supported by the Lady dowager Sunderland and the present Lord joyntly, is since her decease solely maintained by ye latter, of which there needs no publick Notice.

4972. J. Hildrop at Marlborough Wilts 3. Novr Thanking ye Society for the Packet he had recd. That he has had no Opportunity as yet to Communicate the Society's Letter to the Subscribers which relates to ye Management of the Charity. That at their next Meeting he intends to propose a Regulation, and if they can be perswaded he will, with his Usher undertake ye Care of ye School for ye next year.

4973. A: Deton Frank at Cranfield Bedfordshire 5. Novr That he had recd the Society's packet and returns his hearty thanks for it. That an Addicon of 20s. ℘ Annum forever is lately made to ye Charity School there, and about three Weeks since 200li. was left by a Gentlewoman to perpetuate the School at Bedford. That Mr Daniel Newcome who lives somewhere in Devonsh: may if the Society pleases be a very usefull Correspondent. Mr Loyd Rector of Covent Garden knows the place.

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4974. John Dalton at Whitehaven Cumberland 2. Novr That he had received the Society's acceptable present of Books and desires they would accept his Thanks. That he can give no assurances of Erecting a Charity School there, tho after some time he hopes to prevail with some of the most Substantial Inhabitants to Contribute to yt. which the great Numbers of ye Poor make so highly necessary. That Mr Lowther for some years past has often pressd them to so good a Work, and has always been ready to promote any

C.L.27.Novr. NB. To send 6. of each part of Pietas Hallensis.

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C.L.27. Novr. Dr. Slare recomends Mr. Newcomb as a very worthy man, Mr. Baddcock a Silkman at ye anchor on Ludgate Hill cantell how to direct to him.

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. . . charitable design by dispersing great Numbers of Books which has had very good Effects upon the poor Ignorant people, and he hopes to See at least as good Effects from those papers and Tracts the Society have sent him.

4975 James Cooke at Barlborough Derbysh: 2. Novr. To thank ye Society for ye Packet he had reced. That he has made some small Addicons to ye Legacys he had gott for a Charity School, and has himself ~~maintained~~ maintain'd 3. or 4. poor Children at School who before ran wild, but now they read and repeat the Church Catechism. That one great Obstacle to this design is. That two Gentlemen both Batchelors of Considerable Estates in his parish have no good Correspondence with each other one of them being a dissenter, but as they are both Sober and Ingenious Gentlemen, he hopes in time to perswade them to Joyn in promoting the Charity School.

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4976 J. Chamberlayne Esqr. at Westmr. 8. Novr. Enclosing a Letter from his Grace of Canterbury concerning his Sentiments about the Charity Schools.

4977 Lord A: Bp of Canterbury at Westmr. 7. Nov: To Mr. Chamberlayne That he is much pleased to see the Governors of the Cha: Schools Act as if they were resolved in earnest to Settle them on a right Foundacon. That if these Seminaryes are Jmpress'd to the ends of their Institucon to promote true Religion towards God, & the peace and prosperity of the Kingdom, every body will Encourage ym & bless God for ye Institucon of them. But if Party & politicks get once into the Management of them, they can never flourish but may (even by publick Authority) be destroyd, as the most dangerous Foundacon of Lasting disorders amongus. That from this Unhappy ~~Ef~~ Effect of so good a design, he hopes God will, & he rejoyces to see the directors do begin heartily to Endeavor to deliver us. —

4978 Robert Sandilands at Speen Berksh: 3. Novr. Thanking the Society for the packet he had reced, That he can't give at present such an Account of his Charity School, as he hoped to have done, That, if the Sermon preached before the Society for propagating the Gospell in For. parts last Febru be published with the abstract of their proceedings he should be glad to be favored with a Copy to Communicate to one who has been a Benefactor to that Society, and that if it be sent to Mr Lightfoot in Water Lane Black fryers, he will Convey it Safe —

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15th Novr. ordered that 1/2 a Doz. of the Sermons he desires be sent to him.

4979. Man: Wheeler at Warpenham Northamptonsh: Novr. 6. To thank the Society for the packet he had recd. That for the future when a packet is sent to him ~~they~~ it will sooner reach his hands if left with Rd. James the Woodford Carryer at the Rose and Crown in Smithfield. That the reading of the Bp of Lincolns Sermon has given him so much Pleasure, that he cant but hope, a time may come that all the Sermons preached on this Occasion, may be printed together as a rich Magazine of the most Excellent Advices Directions and Exhortacons upon this usefull Subject, and may be a means of preserving in those that come after us, the fervour of that Charity which by a Spark from heaven was so happily kindled in our times. he proposes an Expedient for Increasing ye Charity Schools by procuring a disabling Clause in some Act of Parlt: to prevent any poor gaining a Settlement any where, but ye Place wherein they were born Except they could read & write: And if some sort of Work could be intermixt with their Sedentary Learning it would not only be for their ~~health~~ & inure them to Labor & Industry, but bring in also a present profit.

4980 – Salomon Negri at London 5. Novr. In answer ~~unto~~ to a Letter Inquiring his Opinion of *Grotius de veritate Religionis Xtianæ* Translated into Arabick, whether it might be usefully dispersed among ye Mahometans. That he is of opinion that the 6th. Book which relates to Mahometanism is only a Narration ~~of~~ and parallell of the two Religion. setting forth the Excellence & purity of one above the other. In a style so Concise and Strong as is not adapted to perswade men of a smal Capacity. That Grotius has built his Arguments, (as he has not don in his other works) upon the Credit of the Grecian Authors, of the middle and latter ages. that wrote very loosely and passionately agt. ye Mahometans So that he has advanced abundance of things which are not Authentick, and therefore cannot be used to reproach the whole Sect of Mahometans as if they were the Essentials of their Religion To Instance in one thing advanced in ye 2d. Section where he says, *the reading of the alcoran is forbid to ye Comon people* which is so far from being true that ye Mahometans are ridiculously Excessive in ye rewards they promise to those who read ye alcoran; Every body may read it, & more than that, they are obliged to read it, even tho' they don't understand it.

C. L. 27. Novr. - N3 Referr'd to ye Comee

Order'd that a Copy of this Letter be sent to the Missionaries at Tranquebar with the Copies of Grotius de veritate Relig. Xtianae in Arabick that are to be sent to them.

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4981. Richard King at Exon Devon 7. Novr. That he has reced the Society's Annual packet, and forwarded the rest as directed. viz. to A: D. Kendal, Dr. Foulkes, Mr Burrough, and Mr. Huysh, who with him return their thanks to the Society for ye Same

4982 Dr. Chandler at Worcester Novr. 9. Thanking the Society for the Packets to himself and Mr. Portman, the latter of which he had forward as directed. That the Charity School which the Bishop had founded there is so much Increased by large Subscr that it hath swallowed up all other private Charity Schools in the City. That 40. Boys and 40. Girls are Cloathed and taught there. That the School at Worm which he himself some time since paid for, continues on the old foot. viz. 40. Children of both Sexes are taught to read and work &c.

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4983. J. Walton at Carlile 5. Novr. To thank the Society for the packet he had reced, that he is very forward with the Charity School there, there being 20li. ꝑ annum Subscribed towards it. That he shall give the Society an account of it as the affair goes on.

4984 Wm. Reyner at Tiverton Devon 10. Novr. Thanking ye Society for ye packet he had reced. That if the Society please to send for the future by Whitmarsh ye Taunton Carrier from ye Bell in Wood street, he shall receive their packet Sooner. That the Charity Schools there flourish very well having 2 Convenient Rooms adjoyning to each other appropriated to them.

4985. Wm. Hopkins at Lanthrythid Glamorgansh: 6. Novr. That at last he hath reced the packet of Books he so long Expected from Mr. Downing, and having Enquired into the reasons of the delay, he is informed that the packet was left with ye Monmouth Carryer without any direction where it ~~shall~~ should be delivered.

C. L. 1. Decr.

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C. L. 27. Novr.

C. L. 1. Decr.

C. L. 11. Decr.

See his Letter of Thanks for
the Annual Packet after this.

4986. Dr. Saunders at Blockley Worcestersh: 10. Novr. That he had recd the Society's packet and returns his thanks for it. That he wishes his Endeavors could be more Effectual in carrying on what he has proposed as to the Charity Schools there, for whom provision is made for teaching Gratis as many poor Children of both Sexes as are sent, yet there are not above 23. in both Schools that accept of that favor and sometimes not so many, their parents choosing rather to send them begging. That unless they could be wholly maintained besides Cloathing, there's no hopes of doing much good among them. That at Xtmas next there will be a settled Charity for Cloathing 10. That ye Charity Schools at Taberton & Camden flourish very well

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4987. Arthur Bedford at Newton St. Loe Somersetsh 12. Novr. Thanking the Society for the packet he had recd. That he is concerned that in his private Retirement, he can't do more Service to ye Society.

4988 John Scott at Northwood Isle of Wight 5. Novr.
4989 John Haynes at Cattistock Dorsetsh: 10. Novr.
4990 John White at Eastbourn Kent 10. Novr.
4991 Jo: James at Rickmersworth Hertfordsh. 10. Nov:
4992 Rob. Cooke at Little Whitenham Berks 6 Novr.
4993 John Gilbert at Plim.o 10. Novr. - - - -
4994 Rob: Watts at Great Gidding 13. Novembr. - - - -

Thanking ye Society for the packetts severally recd by them there being nothing else material in ye said Lres.

4995. Wm. Turner at Stamford Lincolnshire Novr. 5. Thanking the Society for the packet he recd. That he had forwarded ye rest under his Cover as directed. That he desires his Latin play may be recalld from Mr. Cockburn and sent to Mr. Symes Schoolmaster at St Saviors Southwark who will send it to the press. That Mr. Boehm having lately writ to him about Introducing Ælian Authors into Schools, he desires he may be acquainted what Efforts have been made towards attaining that end.

C. L. 8. Decr

C. L: 4: Decr - NB. To answd a private Lre besides this

C. L. 1. Decr

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C. L. 4. Decr

C. L. 4. Decr

C. L. 11. Decr Refer'd to the Comtee.

4996. James Wendey London 15. Novr. That his Brother Thomas Wendy
being appointed Chaplain by the African Company to their
Settlement at Cape Corse, is willing to carry on a Correspondence
with the Society, if he can do them any Service in those pts.
To which end the said Company have desired his Brother to
apply himself to the Society for some of the useful Treatises
which they give to the poor, that he may dispose of them among
the Inhabitants and Soldiers there.

4997. Mor: Evans at Weobly Herefordshire 6. Novr: To thank ye Society
for the packet he had recd. That pursuant to the Society's direcons
he had remitted a small Sum of money collected among his
friends and Acquaintance for ye Use of ye Malab: Mission.

4998. John Gibb at Bristol Somersetsh: 9. Novr. To thank ye Society for ye
Packet he had recd, That as to the rest under his Cover he has
and will forward as directed. That Mr Shute being some time
in that City, can give the Society a better Account of ~~the of~~
the Charity Schools than he, That during the danger ye whole -
Sch Kgdom and especially that City was in, during ye late Rebellion
there was little hopes of the Charity Schools continuing, but as
all is now quiet, 'tis to be hoped that the hearts of Xtians will open
again, and never suffer so kind a Charity to be Extinguished.
That the School in his parish is for 40. Children Cloathed and
taught by Mr Longden, under whose Care they make good proficiency.

4999. Richard Haynes at Bristol 9. Nov: To thank the Society for the packet
he had recd and Especially for the Translation of Mr. Ostervald's
Book. That the Charity School in the parish of St. Michael and
St. Austin flourish very well. That he perceives there has
been a design forming against all the Charity Schools, which
Sch he takes to be the project of the papists our Comon Enemys who
are always Endeavouring to Inflame us. That he is glad to find
the Trustees of the Cha: Schools have taken so Effectual a
Course to prevent any reasonable Jealousies that might arise
from the Knavery or ffolly of some Mats. and ye Mobbing of
Giddy Children.

Alexandr:

Referd to the Comee.

C. L. 13. Novr.

C. L. 11. Decr.

C. L. 11. Decr. N3. To Reqt. him (as he desires) that Mr Ostervalds Book was a present from the Society & not from Mr Chamb:
wrote 11. May. 1717.

5000. Alexr. Leith at Bedford 10. Novr. To thank the Society for ye packet he had reced That the reason why he omitted to Correspond with the Society last year, was Occasiond by the distress he was in about keeping up the Charity School there, which is now happily removed. The School being in a prospect of a lasting Foundation by the death of one of his friends, who has left 200ll for ever to it, and 10s. yrely for preaching a Sermon on good Friday.

Sch

5001. John Reynell at Horsham in Sussex 13. Novr. Thanking the Society for the packet he had reced, That he has been very desirous of Erecting a Charity School there, But the Misshap is, most of the Inhabitants are but in a mean Condicon. That however at present there are several poor Children maintained at School on private Charitys, and by the help of some of the Communion money, That in a few Yers he hopes to advance it to a publick Establishment.

Sch

5002. Robert Hill at Stanhow Norfolk 8. Novr. That the Lre directed to him in Northamptonshire from the Society being thence forwarded to him in Norfolk by some means or other has miscaryd and therefore he desires the same may be repeated directed to him at Stanhow near Market Burnham by Swaffham Bag in Norfolk

5003 Ralph Thoresby at Leeds Yorksh: 3. Novr. Thanking the Society for ye packet of Books, That he had delivered. that directed to Mr. Robinson who desired him to present his Service and thanks to ye Society, He Gives a particular Account of the discouragements he had met with in Setting up and maintaining a Religious Society there according to ye late Reverend Dr Woodwards Scheme, which had finally this good Effect That it has Occasiond the having daily Evening prayers in the parish Church, which the Reverend Vicar Mr Cookson

C.L. 11. Decr

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1. Decr repeated the 1st Genll Lett. with a P.S. in answr. to this Lettr.

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countenancing there is so great a resort to them that he has known in wet Weather above 400. persons attending, and on ye Lords day Evening about twice that Number

5004. Dr. Davies at Haydon Essex 5. Novr. That the Society having Erected Several Lending Librarys in Wales, and there being some of Dr. Mores Works in them, he recomends the furnishing of them with the Remainder of his Works That if the Society are not Inclined to buy them he would present them in Quires or even be at the Charge of binding them himself, rather than they Librarys should be destitute of all the works of so great a man.

5005. Wm. Robinson at Haverhill Suffolk 8. Novr. In answer to ye Soc's first General Letter, Thanking them for the honor they have don him in Choosing him a Corresponding Member That at Michas last after preaching a Sermon to Exciting his Pariſhioners to Encourage the Setting up of a Cha: School, he went about with a Subſcr Roll, And tho he met with pleas of Poverty from some and Denyals from Others, he obtaind 7£ Pound towards it, upon which a School is now opend under the direcon of a Man well Qualifyed for the Buſineſs Subject to the direcons of the Rules and Orders published by ye Society.

Sch.

5006. Peter Oſborne at Stoke Gabriel Devon 9. Novr. That he thankfully Accepts the packet which the Society were pleased to send him & ~~returns his Thanks for it~~. That having til now waited in Vain for some Benefacons among his Friends to promote ye deſigns of the Society, he had sent 20. ſhillings as his own Mite to Mr. King of Exon by one of his Acquaintance, but he being at that time abſent, he hath defird it til a better Opportunity offers to send it directly to London, and is Sorry he can't do more That having Changed their Maſter, the Charity School goes on much better there, having placed out one boy more to a Blackſmith, and gave 50. ſhillings with him.

Sch

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C. L. 11. Decr. - Refer'd to the Comee

Ansd. 1. Decr. . A 2d Genl Lre. to be sent

C. L. 15. Decr. . NB. see his last No. 4803. which wants stil to be answd.

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5007. John White at Nayland Suffolk 14. Novr. Thanking the Society for ye packet he had reced, and particularly for the Six Bibles which they were pleased to send him. That at present there is ~~little~~ nothing in his Neighborhood relating to the Cha: Schools worthy ye Society's Notice, but at Xtmas next, he hopes to send an Accot. of a Considerable Advantage obtain'd in favor of the Schools in his parish

5008. Humphrey Jorden at Glasbury Brecknockshire 15. Novr. That having not heard from the Society since Feby last, nor reced this Year's packet, he hopes, that if any have been dispers'd, one will be secured for him. That at Michas last the Number of Children in the Cha: Schools there were 57. tho he doubts he shall not be able to keep them on foot, having lost his Chief Friends, Mr Wyndham and Col: Colchester, besides several Benefactors who have discontinued their payments. That the Children receive only ye benefit of teaching and Books.

5009. Dr Wm Hallifax at Old Swinford Worcestersh: 14. Novr. That he had reced the Society's packet with another for Mr Cleaveland, which he has forwarded accordingly, and thanks the Society for that to himself. That he still Endeavors to keep up ye No. of Children in the Charity Schools there, but finds it very difficult to prevail with the poor Illiterate people to allow their Children time to learn. Except something besides Learning be bestow'd on them.

5010. Jo: Margetts at Kemperston Bedfordsh 12 Novr. }
5011. N. Boughton at Plimouth — 12. Novr. } Thanking ye Society for ye packetts they reced there being nothing Else material in the said Letters. —

5012. Wm Brockman at Beachborough in Kent 17. Novr. Thanking ye Society for the packet, That he has observed some time since that the Charity Schools running more or less into Party Channells did strike a damp to that good design and has abated ye good Affection of diverse well disposed persons to that Excellt. Work

C. L. 11. Decr.

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C. L. 11. Decr.

5013. Robert Payne at Saltwood in Kent 17. Novr In answer to the Society's first General Letter, That as a Christian and a Clergyman, he shall always account it his duty to promote to ye utmost of his power those Charitable ends which the Society with united Labours aim at, & therefore thanks them for ~~them~~ the Honor they have don him in admitting him a Correspondent.

5014. Herbert Pye at Monmouth 17. Novr Thanking the Society for the Packet he had rec^{ed}. That the Subscripcons for Erecting a Cha: School in that Town amounted a considerable time since to 45^{l}. ꝑ ann and he is perswaded as much more might be obtained from persons able and willing if the Subscription Roll now in the hands of M^{r}. Rea who at present is in Worcestershire could be regained. That Mr Rea's dilatoriness in this affair has proved a damage to ye School, which otherwise might have been Erected a Year since.

5015. Jo: Warren at Boxford in Suffolk 17. Novr In answer to the Society's first General Letter; That he Esteems it a particular honor to be reckon'd one of their Correspondents, and that he shall exert himself in promoting (as far as his Capacity reaches) those Excellent designs in which they are Engaged, that a Packet may be directed to him at Boxford & sent from the King's Arms in Leadenhall street Thursdays.

5016. Ely Stansfield at Newark Nottinghamsh: Novr 19th: In answ^{r}. to ye Soc^{s}. Circular Letter. That the Morning and Evening Prayers for ye use of Ch: Schools which he rec^{ed} in his late packet are daily used in the Cha: School there, and the other prayers to be said at home and in Church, the Boys are getting by heart. That he approves of the Exped^{t}. for bringing the poor to divine Service, towards which, he himself will Contribute 3. shillings ꝑ Month to Comence the next Month.

5017. J: Lewis at Margate Kent 15. Novr. To thank ye Society for the Packet he had rec^{ed}, That he Observes the List of the Ch: Schools in the Sheet differs from that at the end of the Anniversary Sermon, the State of which are so much alter'd since as to be as followeth.

Isle

C.L: 4. Decr. : NB a 2d General Lre.

C.L: 15. Decr. B. To communicate this Letter to Mr. H. Hoare.
Mr. Hoare says he'l take care to get ye Subscription Role return'd to Monmouth.

C.L. 6. Decr. To desire Mr. Lewis to signifye if Mr. Martin has given his Consent &c.

Sch:

		Sch	B	G
Isle of Thanet	Birchington	1:	12:	0
	St. John Baptist Several Schools for Boys & Girls	-	20:	-
	Minster	2:	20:	8.
	St. Nicholas & Munkton	1:	8:	0
	St. Peter	1:	20:	-

That he is not for burthoning the Society with too great a Number of Corrospondents, but beleives if they had one at Sandwich, it would be a furtherance to their designs, for which end (if the Society pleases) he would recomend Mr. John Marlin Vicar of St. Clements in Sandwich who is a Serious good man, and one that would use his best Endeavors to answer the designs of the Society. That Mr. Bradock near Canterbury being disabled by the Dead Palsie, he presumes the Society may leave him out of the List.

5018. Robt. Daubrie at Wolverhampton Staffordsh: 14 Novemb^r
Thanking the Society for the packet he recd. That he supposes Mr Ostervalds Book was sent him by mistake, for when he was last in London, the ~~Society~~ Comee orderd him to take up a Sett of Mr Downing, and therefore if the Society pleases, Mr D. may put the former to his Account. That there are more Boys placed out apprentices from the Cha: Schools, and the Girls are now taught Spinning to Cloath ye Boys, wherein also a good Step is made towards Cloathing themselves. That several Dissenters at first having Subscribed to ye Cha: School, are now withdrawn, under pretence of Erecting a Separate one of their own, Notwithstanding which more Benefactors have come in to make up that deficiency. That at Bilston a hamlet in that Parish there is a Ch: School for 10 Boys taught & Cloathed by the Contribution of ye Inhabitants.

Sch.

5019. James Lowther Esqr. at Whitehaven Cumberl: Novr. 15. That he is glad to hear the Trustees are removing the disaffected Masters out of the Cha: Schools, That it will be very difficult to set up any in that Country unless some of ye little Gramar Schools, of which there are more than are necessary could be turn'd into Ch: Schools; but that there is so much of party & Faction in every thing, that 'tis the greatest hindrance that

C.L. 15. Decr. — N3. Mr. O's Book was preſented him by ye Society.

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can be to promote anything of that kind, for abundance of people had rather Folks should be of no Religion at all, than be Religious in a way little differing from what they profeſs.

5020. Mr Dolins at Hackney 3. Novr To Mr Chamberlayne. Giving an Account of the proceedings of the Trustees at their last Genl Meeting in St Dunstan's Questhouse. The Sum of which were, that Ralph Adams Master of a Cha: School in Shoreditch was discharged for his disaffecon to ye Government, and Declared & voted Uncapable of teaching any Ch: School for ye future, and that this should be made publick by an Advertizement, in which his name should be Inserted. That the orders for parents of ye Children admitted into Cha: Schools had been read and approv'd & order'd to be recomended to all the Schools, and Lastly it was agreed that Notice should be given that if any person could inform the Trustees of the disaffecon of any other Schoolmaster or Mistresses, ~~to give such~~ That they be desired to give such Information to the Chairman &c.

5021. Francis Fox at Loterne Wilts 19. Novr Thanking the Society for the packet he had reced, and particularly for Mr Ostervald's Books which he beleives will be of as General use as any other dispers'd by ye Society, he wishes that he had omitted none of ye Chapters and that he had gon on with ye N. Testamt. for tho ye reason he gives for that Omission may hold, as to ye publick reading of ye Scriptures, Yet the Work is ~~cut~~ & thereby rendred not so usefull to private Christians. That if the packets could be sent to the Correspondents in the Spring or about Whitsuntide at farthest, they would be able to make ym more generally known for the Shortness of the days, & ye badness of ye roads in the Winter Cutts off all Correspondence in ye Country. he desires to know if the Society are come to any Resolution about his proposal for adding work to ye Childrens Learning in ye Ch: Schools.

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5022. Henry Wright at Oakham Rutlandsh: 21. Novr To thank ye Society for the packet. That the Charity School in yt Town is rather in a declining than Improving State, many persons having wholly withdrawn, and others Lessen'd their Subscripcons.

C.L. 15. Decr. .. - Refer'd to ye Comee.

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5023. John Burrough at Gittisham Devon Novr. 26. To thank the Society for the packet, That the School at Honiton continues in ye Same good State, and notwithstanding the small Pox hath raged there, tis the worst Circumstance that attends it, That the Religious Society set up there has (at ye passing this years Accot.) voted 3l. being the remainder of their Stock, to be applyed towards carrying on the designs of the Society for promo: Xtian Knowledge, which Sum will speedily be remitted by Mr King of Exeter.

5024. Sr. Nicholas Pelham at Bromhall Sussex 26 Novr. Thanking the Society for the packet, which will come sooner to his hands, if sent by the Selscomb Carryer.

5025. Tho: Peirce at Lewes ~~Suffolk~~ Sussex 26. Novr. That Mr Grave having ~~w~~ lately recd a fall, which in all probability may hasten his end, had desired him to return his Thanks to the Soc'l for their Circular Letter, as he does likewise, for the packet recd from Mr Grave.

5026. Richard Mayo at Witresham in Kent 21. Novr. Thanking the Society for the packet and particularly for Mr. O's very Excellent Book. That the Cha: School in his parish continues in the same State, but besides the Children of ye poorest Sort who are taught Gratis, almost all the Children in the Parish come to that School, besides several from other parishes.

Sch

5027. Robt. Hardwick at Eresby Lincolnsh: 23. Novr. To thank the Society for the packet, That at Spilsby there is an Ancient School for teaching 7. poor Boys. That this last Year a New Charity School is set up at Eresby for 26. B. & 14. Gs. taught & Cloathd, towards which the Duke of Ancaster has contributed 20l. a Year.

Sch

5028. James Morris at Loddington Leicestersh: 25. Novr. Thanking the Society for the Packet, That a small School for 6. poor Children is set up in that parish at ye Charge of the patron to that poor Vicarage, That the prayers for the use of the Ch: Schools were given to the Mr, with orders that as many of ye Children as could, might write them out Fair, and get them by heart, in order to repeat them night and Morning in the School.

Sch

C. L: 15. Decr.

C. L. 11. Decr. To desire Sr N. to signify the Carrier's name and where he Inns at London

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C. L. 15. Decr.

C. L: 15. Decr.

5029. Wm Hopkins at Lanthrithyde Glamorgansh 20. Nov^{r}
5030. Wm Price at Whitfield Northtonsh: Novr 23^{d}.
5031. John Adamson at Burton=Coggles ~~Yorksh~~ Lincolnsh. Novr. 19. - -
5032. Aaron Wood at Kingsnorton Northtonsh: 20. Nov^{r}.

Thanking the Society for their several packetts, there being nothing else material in the said Letters. - - - -

5033. John Mathews at Tewxesbury Glocesh: 14 Novr. Thanking the Society for the packet. That he had forwarded the other under his Cover to M^{r}. Smith of Upton upon Severn. That through an Indisposition of Body he has not been able as formerly to Inspect the order of the Charity School there, but hopes to do it for the future.

5034 Richard Drake at Great Oakley in ~~Ess~~ Suffolk 26. Novr In answer to ye Societys second General Letter, That a packet sent by John Letch the Dedham Carryer from the Kings Arms in Leaden hall Street Thursdays will come safe.

5035. Capt. Morris at Belbridge near Carlile Novr. 23. Thanking ye Society for the packet, which he had deferd til now, in hopes to have given the Society an account of some Steps taken for Enclosing part of the Comon, towards Supporting a Charity School in y^{t} Parish, but instead thereof, many persons (whose help is necessary in an Affair of this Nature) do declare that they had rather have good Grass upon the Comon for their Cattle than that their Children should be taught writing or reading That since this has had a bad Effect. M^{r}. Walton a Correspond^{t}. has applyed his Endeavors to Erect a Cha: School at Carlile, with soe good Success that near 20^{li}. p annu. is already Subscribed by the Lord Almoner and others.

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5036 A. Deacon Wilson at Morley Nottinghamsh: 11. Novr. That he has Transmitted 40. Shillings to the Society, desiring that one Moiety may be applyed towards the Conversion of the Malabar Heathens, and the other Moiety for the use of the Society for propagating the Gospel in Foreign parts.

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See M^{r}. Hopkins's Lett^{r}. N°. 4935.

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a Common Packet

C.L. 22. Dec.

C.L: 18. Dec^{r}.

Order'd Thanks.

5037. John Diserote at Kensington Decr. 5. In answr. to the Societys first General Letter, That he accepts with great satisfacon the honor ye Society have done him in choosing him one of their Corresponding Members, and he is resolved diligently to prosecute their designs by all methods in his power. That he has made it his Business ever since the Schools were Erected there to support their order and discipline, in order to rescue poor Children from Ignorance & Vice, so that in time he hopes they will prove good Xtians and usefull Subjects. That he hopes the Mar and Mistress are well affected to the Government, but if it should appear otherwise they are not like to continue long among them.

5038. John Cowper at Great Bradley Suffolk 4. Decr. In answd. to ye Society's Circular Letter, That he hopes all the Societys Correspondents will be pleased with the Arch Bps Fatherly admonitions, That for his part he shall upon all occasions show the most profound regard to them, and use his utmost Care, that all such Masters and Scholars as have any Dependance upon him shall do ye same. That he finds a small Charity distributed among ye poor people after the publick Offices is a good Expedt. to bring them to Church.

5039. Barthol Beale Esqr. at Heathhouse Shropsh: 26. Novr. Thanking ye Society for the packet, That he is glad to find the Bp of Lincoln takes Notice in his Sermon of the danger that may arise from Engaging the Charity Children in party matters, and filling yr. heads with ~~a~~ doubtfull Speculative opinions about Religion and Government, which he finds is lookt upon as a Circumstance yt. threatens the ruin of the Charity Schools. That the Short Stay he made in the places thro which he lately Travelled, prevented him taking an account of the Charity Schools there, Except only that the School at Michell Dea[illegible] Glocrshire which was Erected by Col: Colchester is now maintained by his Widow. That the Schools at Ludlow are in a Flourishing State, which is very much owing to the Care of Mr. Tho: Meyrick. That he has heard no Complaints of late about the Conduct of ye Charity Schoolmr there, Mr. Meyrick assuring him of his Care and Diligence. That having lately seen Mr. Gifford of Mainston, he told him there were methods used for Setting up a Ch: School about the Clea hills near Ludlow where 'tis very much wanted, The Inhabitants being chiefly Collyers & other poor untaught people.

A 2d. Genl. Lre:

C. L. 22. Oct.

5040. John Tatam at Sutton Derbysh. 30. Novr. To thank the Society for the packet, in which were three others for Mr Cotton Mr Gilbert and Mr Fletcher which he had forwarded according to Direcon. That sometime before next Lent he hopes to give an account of some Charity Schools not mentiond in the Lists.

5041 James Matthews at Whalley Lancash. 29. Novr. That Mr Peploe had desired him to thank the Society for ye Packet as he does likewise for that to himselfe. He desires the following Books may be sent him to be paid for:

100. Dr Ashton's Brief Exhortations to ye Communion, &
100. Cautions and Direcons in order to the more decent performance of the publick Worship

That this being the first Glimmering of Charity of this kind there, he desires 3. or 4. of a sort of ye Expositions of the Ch. Catechisms in order to chose one, that he might buy a Quantity. He desires an Irish Comon Prayer Book if it may be had, might be sent in the same parcell.

5042. James Harries at Lantrissent Glamorgansh. 20 Novr. To thank the Society for the packet. That the Cha: School which he Erected in that Town is still continued under the Care of his Curate to the No. of 30. Boys

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5043: Thomas Burnet at Westkington Wiltshire Xber 3d. Thanking ye Society for the packet That at Littleton drue in that County he has set up a Charity School for as many Children as will accept of that Priviledge, but at present he can gain but 7. which depending wholly upon his own pocket he don't know whether he shall be able to Cloath them. That the School which he Erected for the Joynt use of the two contiguous Parishes of Nettleton and Westkington has since been Splitt in two. The Minr of Nettleton having taken part of ye Charge upon himself, is very Industrious in taking Care of that in his parish wherein there's about 30. taught tho not above 12. on the Charity Acco. and not more than 10. in that of Westkington which he shall Cloath at Xmas or at least soe many as will accept of it at his own Charge.

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C. L. 22. Dec. To send the Books he desires, with an Irish Common prayer Book bound. NB. The Packet goes away 21st. Decr. as ye Messr. says.

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C. L. 29. Dec.

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5044 Wm Ayerst at Great Birch in Essex 3d December Thanking the Society for the packet with an addition of those which he desired. That he has writt to Monsr. D'allone to acquaint him that he may shortly Expect another Letter and packet from ye Society in the room of that which miscarryed. That the Lettr. be sent by the post, and the packet put into ye hands of Mr. Fair the Lady Dowager ~~Dore~~ Cortlands housekeeper at Whit That in the Letter to Mr. D'allone he proposes that it be recomended to him or some other Correspondt. in holland to get some small peices relating to the proceedings of ye Society Inserted in the publick Journals of Literature as News wch. would be a more Effectual and Lasting way of publishing them than in small peices apart which are soon lost, as particularly the Speeches of Mr Nicols & Ziegenbalgh if they were soe published, it would be very much for ye Socs. honour and stir up some to the prosecution of so good a Work who would otherwise never have heard of it. That Mr. D'allone or at least some of the French Ministers as Monsr. Basnage Mr. Saurin & Mr. Skeore might be Engaged to do this.

That he has proposed to his parishioners the setting up of a Charity School, and to be at one half of the Charge himself if they would bear the other, but the Reply he has hitherto met with is, That they are all Farmers to whom Learning is not very Necessary, or at least those who will have their Children taught may pay for it, however he hopes the distribution of the Society's Books will bring them to a better temper. —

Thursday. 13th. Decembr. 1716.

5045. John Hughes at Kilmersdon Somersetshire. 3. Xber To Mr. Shute That he had reced the Society's packet and will in a short time return them his thanks, That the parents of the Charity Children seem now more sensible of the Great and Valuable priviledge of having their Children taught in the Knowledge of their duty towards God and man. That formerly he was obliged to Intreat them to send their Children to School, but is now eased of yt trouble, for comonly there are several Candidates for a place in

C.L. 29. Decʳ. . . . Referd to the Comittee.

. . . in the School before a Vacancy happens. That a Number of yᵉ Xtian Scholar will be of great use, that he intends to make the first Class of Children read audibly some part of it every day, so as to read it over once a Fortnight whereby each Child may be perfectly Instructed therein

To send 1/4 of a hundred of Xtian Scholar.

5046. Bohun Fox at Melkesham in Wilts: xber 8th: To thank ye Society for the packet & that a Lady lately deced having left 300l. the Interest whereof was to be applyed to Charitable uses in Seend (a Chapelry in his pish) there is now 12l. p Annum of that Interest Settled for a Cha: School at Seend aforesaid which is already opend and 24. poor Children taught therein

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5047. John Ellis at Gonaldston Nottinghamsh: 5. xber
5048. John Troughton at Grantham Lincolnsh: 8 Decr.
5049. John Portman at Madresfield Worcr: 8th xber
5050. Tho: Collins at Swansey Glamorg: 3. xber
5051. Jonathan Hooker at Sandy Cumbd. 11. xber

Thanking ye Society for their Several packets there being nothing else material in the said Letters.

5052 Michael Woodward at Guilford in Surrey xber 8th: Thanking ye Society for the packet wherein the Marvellous Footsteps at Hall came very Seasonably to releive him under the apprehensions he had of ye Charity School sinking there, that the Fund which was but barely Sufficient at first, is considerably Lessend by the death of several Contributors whereby the Children could not be fully Cloathd this Year as before, But with some dificulty a means has been found to do it in a manner yt shews no great Alteracōn for the present, and by ye time there is occasion again, he hopes that they may have some happy tho at present unforeseen Supply.

5053. Wm Cary at Bristoll xber 10. To thank the Society for the packet. That the Charity Schools there continue in the same State, That Mr. Colston has alterd his Deed of Settlement, by removing severall of the old Trustees, and nominating New ones, which are to be a Standing body with a power to Elect New Trustees themselves when they are reduced to such a Number. That ye Minister is Visitable by two others of that City, and if they Judge him Worthy, he is to receive 10l. Yearly. That nothing of this is to take place till after Mr. Colston's death.

5054. J. Lawrence at Yelvertoft Northamptonsh: 8. decemb: Thanking the Society for the packet That the season of the year puts him in mind of what he has had several times thought off Communicating to the

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C.L. 29. Decr. 1. June. acquainted him that Mr. H. Hoare desired his acceptance of 5. pound towards supporting his School.

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C.L. 19. Feby. Referd to ye Comee.

to the Society Vizt. his Observation of a Corrupt Custom that prevails in most Schools in England, the Schollars rising up in Actual Rebellion agt. ye Master before Xtmas, bringing him by force to certain terms and Condicons. That in most places 'tis called Shutting out ye Mar. and in greater Schools the Exclusion. That besides the Disorders and Unhappy Circumstances of Such a Riot which ought to be prevented, it should be considered that no Custom should prevail in the Government of Youth, that is likely to Corrupt their minds, and give them a wrong Idea of things. That Meekness, humility, and an orderly Submission to Governors & Masters are the things taught them in their Catechism all the Yeare. That at ye end of each Yeare by ye Connivance of this Unhappy Custome they run into actuall Rebellion with Impunity. That he doubts not but there have been many Examples of such as have been Suffered to rise up agt. their Mar. who have afterwards proved the most remarkable Scourges to all Settled Ordr., and could never loose ye Idea of Rebellion at School til they come to be even Rebells agt. their King. That he has Convinced the Masters of some Schools of the Malignant Influence of that bad Custome, who are determin'd to break it, & that ye Opinion of the Society herein would be very acceptable.

5055 Robert Watts at Great Gidding Huntingdonsh. 10 Xber. In answer to ye Society's Circular Letter, proposing that for the future if ye Society's Circular Letter should be sent away as soon as the packet it might be a means to prevent their Lying so long at the Carryers as they doe. That he cannot yet prevail with his Neighbors to augment the Number of the Children of the poor which he himself sends to School. He submitts it to the Society's Consideration whether it would not be proper to put into the appendix of ye next Account of Schools a Form of such a Register as is recomended in the 1st. paragraph of their Circular Letter. That he has lately rec'ed a Letter from Mr. Cobbe at Bombay desiring him to thank ye Society for the packet sent him thro' his hands, the Contents of which were distributed among ye Gentlemen of ye Council.

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Answd. 21. Feby. - Referd to the Comee:

Thursday 20th: Decr. 1716

5056. Henry Penton at Andover Hampshire 18 Decr. Thanking ye Society for the packet. That in that Town there is a Charity School Erected for 20. Girls Cloathed as the Boys are, besides which there are 24 children taught at the Charge of a private person who has settled a Fund for its Continuance.

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5057. Edward Sawyer at Mayfield Sussex xber ye 12. To thank ye Society for the packet, That whereas in the Charity School there, above 20. Children have been taught to read and write &c. they are now reduced to 3. or 4.

Sch

5058. Tho: Peirce at Lewes in Sussex xber 13. In answer to ye Society's Circular Letter, Enclosing an account of the Charity Boys that have been placed out to Trades and Services since the School was first Erected May 1711. with a List of their Names and ye Trades they were put to.

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5059 Robert Beaumont at Witnesham in ~~Kent~~ Suffolk 18. Decr. To thank the Society for the packet, That some Gentn besides their Ordinary Subscription have agreed to give something more yearly towards binding out Boys when fit, from the Blue Coat School at Ipswich in Suffolk.

5060. J. Chamberlayne at Westm 20. xber That the Bp of Clogher being to preach next Monday Sennight before ye Society for Reformation of Manners and several other Members being ꝑhaps out of Town or engaged with their Friends, he Submitts it to ye Society, whether they may not adjourn til ye 1st. Thursday in Janry.

5061. Robert Rogers at Dedham in Essex 17. xber In answer to ye Society's Circular Letter That he has Enquired into the Behavior of the Charity Children in the Neighboring parishes, and finds it to be very Comendable, That their Teachers have taken ye oaths and are well affected to his Majesty. That as to the poor people who are Supported by Alms in any kind, they are Obliged to attend Divine Service, because they are always relieved at church (unless by Sickness or Age Deprived) where there is a Settled vestry of all his parishioners for that purpose every

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C. L. Janry 1. Desiring to know the causes of ye declention of ye tde.

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.. Sunday to see the Charity duly distributed. That they have no children put out to any Service or Trade but upon the parish Accot.

5062. Jo: Bradley at York Decr. 15. To thank the Society for the Packet, that he had sent the other under his Cover to Mr. Mitton as directed. That the Charity Schools there are in a flourishing Condition, and tho' some Benefactors dropp off by death, yet others come in & supply their places.

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5063. Patrick Robertson London 15. Decr. That the Society's Annual packet will come safe to hand, if it be left for him at Mr. Wallaces in King Street market in Westmr.

5064. Dr. Saunders at Blockley Worcestsh: 15. Xber In answer to ye Society's Circular Letter. That the Charity School master there is a person well affected to the Government. That he has reason to think the same of all his Parishioners in that respect except one. That since his coming there publick prayers have been read upon Wednesdays, Fridays, & holydays whereby a tolerable Congregation for the Country is made up. To Encourage the poor to attend, Bread is weekly distributed among 'em That he has writ to a friend of his to pay Mr. Shute 40. 20. whereof he desires may be paid to Mr. Downing for as many Whole dutys of Man as he can afford for that Sume. And as to ye other 20. he desires the Society's Acceptance of it, to dispose of as they shall think fit.

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5065. Saml. Shaw at Warrington Lancashire 13. Xber To thank ye Society for the packet, there being nothing more material in ye sd Letter.

5066. John Hodges Stow on the Wolde Glocestersh. Decr. 8. To Mr. Skeate. That if the following Books could be procured for him he could dispose of them to good Advantage among the Clergy and Laity where he now is.

Xtian Monitors.
Pastoral Letters
History of the Bible
Dr. Woodward and Dr. Ashton's small Tracts.
1. or 2. of Mr. Mauro's Abridgemt. of his 2. large Vols.
for the Education of Youth, or.
Dr. Talbott's Xtian Schoolmaster.

C. L. 1. Jan^{y}

Answ^{d} 3. Jany with thanks &c^{a}. 3. Jany. N3. To send thanks. W^{r} Shute has rec'd the 40.^{l}

C. L. 29. Dec^{r}

C. L. 29. Decr. To send the Books he desires as ℘ Memorand^{um}. and M^{r}. Shute is desired to give direcons therein.

5067. James Lowther Esqr at Whitehaven Cumberld. xber 12th. That he is sorry to hear of the Loss of the French protestants by their Church being burnt, and particularly for their Library, which was given them by the late Worthy Mr La Mothe. That he beleives Mr Dalton don't write so often to ye Society, as otherwise he would doe, because he seems concern'd to see so little prospect of Erecting a Charity School there.

5068. Arthur Bedford at Newton St Loe Somersetsh 8 Decr. To Mr Shute That he had orderd 3. Sermons to be printed on ye Following Subjects.

K. George the Security of the Church of England. on Isaiah ye 60. V. 10th.

The Church of Engl: the Standard to regulate all other Churches by her or the Fall of Popery on Isaiah 2d. V 2d.

An Exhortation to Love and peace as ye means to fit us for such Blessings on Luke 19. part of V. 42d.

In the second of which discourses he has Endeavourd to do Justice to do Justice to ye Religious Societys in London.

5069. Henry Dixon at Bath 10. xber To Mr Shute. Thanking ye Society for the packet. That he had forwarded those committed to his Care as directed to Mr Bedford & Mr Hughes. That ye Contents of the packet were not only acceptable to himself but to ye Children both Bs & Girls, To whom, when he distributed the Dialogues they voluntarily proposed getting by heart the whole book and some have already gone thro' it by portions for an Evening Exercise. That last post he recd a Lre from Mr R. Hoare Acquainting him that the Society had Orderd another packet to be sent to him for which he returns his humble Thanks. He Concludes with desiring the Society may be assured that if they have any thing to recommend besides wt is in the printed Orders for the furtherance of their pious designs in yt place. none shall more chearfully obey their direcons with those of his Patrons there, than himself.

5070. Wm Bennet at Salop 12 xber. Thanking the Society for ye packet That he had forwarded the others, to Messrs Richard & John Lloyd as directed. That the four Schools for Boys and Girls in yt Town are all Cloathed yearly at Xtmas by Subscripcons and Collecons made by Ministers and Trustees and 5. or 6. used

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Answd. 1. Jany.

C. L. 4. ~~9ber~~ Dec. To send this to Mr. Hales.

Answd. 1. Jany. That Mr. Hales will do wt he desires.

C. L. 8. Jany.

used to be set out Apprentice yearly by ye Corporacon, but they mist of ye Benefacon from the Town last Year, because the Mayor (whose Suffrage has a great Stroke in that matter) was not himself one of ye Society, for wch reason Care will be taken to get most of ye Aldermen to be Subscribers, that when they come to ye Mayoralty, they may Countenance ye same designs. That by the blessing of God, They have been able to keep on foot a small Stock for the use of the Charity Schools, and tho several Benefactors dropp off by death, yet others still come in and Supply their places.

5071. Dr. Davies at Heydon in Essex 16. Xber That Dr. More's Works at 2^{l}. 12^{s}. a set may be taken from Mr. Cholmoundly a Bookbinder who will send them in to the Society's Order. That he would fain have all the Setts disposed of out of hand, and offers, That any Member of the Society may have a Sett for himself upon any Voluntary Benefacon more or less, or none, but binding, and so he may have for a friend, 2 or 3. provided they may be thought Serious Readers, & if the Society will raise more lending Librayes, or pleasure pticular Clergymen, they may have them only for binding. That if any Number 1. or 200. or more of Enchiridion Ethicum in Sheets may be of use to present Mr Ostervald & ye Clergy there, or Mr Frank at Hall in Germany, the Danish Missionaryes or any others, they shall be freely Supplyd.

Thursday 27th. Decr. 1716.

5072. Anthony Biddulph Esqr. at Ledbury Herefordsh: 20. Xber Thanking the Society for the packet. That he has writ to his Son at Lincolns Inn to pay to the Society 5li which he desires they would apply to what Branch of their designs they think fit. C.

5073. Robert Hill at Stanhow in Norfolk 17. Decr. In answr. to ye Society's first General Letter. Thanking the Society for their favor in admitting him among the Number of their Correspondts. assuring them that he shall always pursue ye same good Ends as is mention'd in ye said Letter in such a manner as is agreeable to the Laws of the Land and Canons of ye Church. And as a pledge of his Inclinations, he designs by ye 1st. opportunity to send two Guineas to ye Society. C

C. L. 10. Jany. Ordered Thanks.

C. L. 10. Jany. NB sent this to M^{r}. Chamberlayne

NB. To send him a Packet. NB. It was sent
11th. Octob^{r}. by M^{r}. Haines the Kettering Carrier to be
left at Rowell near Kettering Northamptonsh.

5074 Solomon Pages at Farmboro. Somersetshe 22. Decr. To thank the Society for the packet. That the Charity School there which Consists of 15. children of both Sexes continues in a good State, tho' ye Mar hath between 40. and 50. Schollars who have all the benefit of a Xtian Education. Those of the parish who are able, do pay for their Childrens teaching, That several Children from the Neighboring p'ishes do also come to School there, which makes it beneficial to the Country as well as to the Mar.

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5075. Tho: Seaton at Burleigh on the Hill near Oakham Rutlandshe: 14th Decr. Thanking the Society for the packet. That being now in the Family of the E. of Nottingham, he moves as ye Family does, and therefore desires that his packetts for the future may not be sent as formerly.

2. 5076 Richard Lloyd at Yarpoll Herefordsh: 24. Decr. That a packet directed for him at Yarpoll and sent by Mr. Tyder ye Lempster Carryer from the Bull and Mouth near Aldersgate, or by Mr. Peirce from the Swan at Holborn bridge on Saturday Morn will come safe. That he shall be glad to know if his Verses were acceptable to any of the Society.

1. 5077. Jo: Harvey at Weston under Penyard Herefordshe 17 Decr. That he is concern'd to find he has lost the Honour of Corresponding with the Society, but being Conscious to himself of no Crime he has forfeited it by, since it can be reckoned none, for a man not to swear agt. his Conscience, he bears that & other Losses the better. That he did what he could to be satisfyed about the Oath from reading Books and Conferences with his friends, but after all remaind unsatisfyed. That he does by no means approve of the Tenets of the Nonjuring Clergy mentiond in some of the late papers, and therefore notwithstanding what they object to the Ministerial offices of the parochial Clergy, he believes Gods blessing does attend them, and purposes therefore to continue his Living under them. That tho he is now disownd for being a Member, he will not Cease to pray as he has all along done, that God would bless the Society in all their pious & Charitable Designs.

C. L. 8. Jany

C. L. 8. Jany. NB. To mark his Residence in ye Corresp. book.

. . . . Refer'd to the Comee to prepare an Answer to Mr. Lloyd's Letter.

. . . . Refer'd to the Comee, to prepare an Answer to Mr. Harvey's Letter.

5078. Alderman Risebrow at Norwich. 23d. Decr. To thank ye Society for the packet. That in that City there is 8. Schools for 240 Boys & 4. for 120 Girls, who were all Cloathed last Lent. That he has distributed most of the Books contained in ye packet to such persons as he hopes will Increase that Charity. He wishes that some of the following Books were added to the packet.

Sch: agt { Prophanation of the Lords day
Drunkeness
Swearing and Lying

Lewis's Catechism
Prayers for the use of Charity Schools.

That 2. or 3. Gifts amounting to 500l. being lately left to ye Charity Schools there, he hopes they may be put on a lasting Foundation.

5079. Elias Neau at New York 6. Sept. To Mr. Chamberlayne. That his School for Servants and Slaves to be Catechised is very much Increased since he has taken a larger and more Comodious house That ~~the distribution of~~ the Books sent him by ye Society having been distributed among them, has had a good Effect to draw them to his Instrucon, and tho' ye parents of some are Dutch and French, they are pleased to see ye Charity of ye English for the good of Souls, Exprest in this manner.

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Thursday. 3. Janry 1716/7.

5080. Richard Whittingham at Boston Lincolnsh. 29. Decr. To thank the Society for the packet, which he has disposed of where they would best answer the ends for which they were sent, That the Charity School there goes on very prosperously. That being Trear of ye School last Year, upon passing his accounts there remaind 40l. in Bank.

C.L. 12 March. B. To acqt. him that the Society ~~design~~ by their annual Packet design only to present their Correspondts. with a Specimen of the books published yt Year. That for any larger quantity Mr. Downing will furnish them at ye lowest Rate.

C.L. 5. Janry.

5081 Wm Greenwood at Warwick 29 Decr. Thanking the Society for the packet. That he is glad to find such Caution taken that ye Charity Children might not Imbibe any principles of Disaffeccon to his present Majesty. That the Little Treatise agt. Lying was soe pleasing to him, that he shall dispose of it among ye Ordinary people of his parish to prevent their being Guilty of yt Sin, which seems generally to prevail every where, especially among the poorer sort. That he recomends it to the Society that they would do his Father (the Rector and Schoolmaster of Newport in Shropshire) ye honor of admitting him a Correspondent, he being desirous of it, and can give ye Society an acceptable Account of some Charitys in that Town.

5082. John Chamberlayne Esqr. at Westmr 3. Janry Enclosing a Letter from Mr. Boehm to him, which Accompanyed ye 10th Vol: of the affairs about the Malabar Mission &c. published in high Dutch, which was so Entertaining that he could not Cease reading til he had gone through it, and therefore recomends it to the Society to get it Translated into English that others may have ye same pleasure.

5083 Anthony William Boehm at London 2. Janry. To Mr Chamberlayn That he had sent him the 10th Continuation of ye Malabar Accounts printed at Hall in high Dutch, which contains such part of the last years abstract of the Societys proceedings as relates to the East India Mission drawn up and read at ye Societys last anniversary Meeting. That he recomends it to ~~the Societys~~ his Consideracon whether it may not be proper to print ye same in English together wth. what is to be prepared and read at ye next Anniversary Meeting That this may perhaps give some Revival to ye whole Design, and continue that historical thread which hath been begun in preceding Narratives.

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C.L. 12. Jany. Mr Greenwood of Newport in Shropshire proposed.

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Thursday 10. Jany 1716/7

5084. Tho: Meyrick at Ludlow Shropsh: 31. Decr. That if a packet of Books could be procured from the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge for the use of the Charity Schools there, they would be very acceptable, The Schools consist of 80. Children of both Sexes Cloath'd & taught, To which No. they intend to add 20. next Year, & hope to find means to maintain them all as well as to Cloath and Educate them — . Sch

5085. Wm. Derham at Upminster in Essex 21. Decr. Thanking ye Society for the packet. That he has disposed of some part of it to Chipping Ongar where there's no Corresponding Member. That ye Charity School at Rumford is in a thriving Condition — . Sch

5086. Robert Payne at Saltwood near Hythe in Kent. 7. Janry In answr. to the Society's 2d. General Letter. That he is happy in a Neighborhood among several Worthy Clergymen who are well Inclined to promote all the good they can. That the Cha: School at Hythe is of 3. Years Standing and Consists of 33. Childn. taught Whereas the printed Account mentions but 24. That a packet of Books sent by the Ashford Carryer from ye Starr on Fish street hill on Thursday will come safe — . Sch:

5087. I. D'Effray at New Romney in Kent 31 Decr. To Mr. Chamberlayn Signifying the receipt of the Societys packet. That the Society may receive his Annual Subscripcon to Michas last of his Kinsman Mr. Isaac Lejay at the Wool pack in Grafton Street near Sohoe. That he is glad to find the Society by their proceedings do keep from any just Imputation of Jacobitism, And that Loyalty to his Majesty is preserved and Secured by their Care in the Charity Schools C.

5088. M. Heynes at Wasperton near Warwick Octob: 3. To Mr. Edwards That being settled at that place from Bedfordshire, he should be glad to receive any Comands from the Society. C.

J. Meyrick answd this Lettr. 26. Jany. & sent ym with a Packet as desird. NB. to send him a packet from Sr. J. Philipps to ye val of 50s. besides a Sett of 100 Ostervalds Books and ye 1. 2. & 3d. part of Pietas Hallensis.

To send him a Packet.

C.L. 15. Jany. To give the Messenger directions where to Call

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C.L. 22. Jany. NB. Mr. Haynes's Packet was sent to him ye 26th. Sepr. last under cover to Mr. Odel at Potton directed to Mr. Heynes at Sutton in Bedfordsh.

5089. Fr: Bragge at Hitchin Hertfordshire 8. Janry In answer to the Societys Circular Letter. That he has not yet reced the Society's Annual packet, tho he hath made Enquiry after it. That if the Society please to favor him with one, John Tomlin the Carryer from the White hart in St. John Street who goes out Tuesday and Friday Morning will bring it safe.

5090 John Vaughan at Derllys Carmarthensre 2. Janry Thanking the Society for the Packet. That he had forwarded the rest under his Cover according to their several Direcons. He Encloses the Form of a Subscripcon Roll for buying several thousands of Dr. Gibsons now Lord Bishop of Lincoln's prayers for private Familys, in Welsh in order to distribute them among the poor Ignorant people in Wales.

5091. John Hodges at Badwell Glocrsh: 2. Janry 1716 Thanking the Society for the packet and Circular letter. That he has distributed the Books to good Advantage. That there's great want of a Charity School at Stow on the Wold. He therefore wishes Sr. John Philipps would move Mr Townsend one of ye Commrs of ye Excise about Erecting one there, it being the place of that Gentleman's Nativity. That Edmond Chamberlayne Esqr. who marryed the Earl of Carnarvon's Sister would also give a helping hand to that Good work, but no body is so proper to apply to that Gentleman as his Lordship himself To which end, he wishes, proper applicacon might be made to his Lordship as well as Mr. Townshend.

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Thursday 17. Janry 1716/7

5092. Tho: Tilson at Aylesford in Kent 14. Janry In Answer to the Society's
Circular Letter That a few days before Xmas he reced the Societys packet
and returned his Thanks by Mr. Hoare. That his Subscripcon to the Society
Sch may be had of Mr. Lucy at the 3. pidgeons in King Street Westmr. That
the Charity School flourishes, and is kept as much as may be
according to the Rules laid down by the Society.

- - To send him an Annual Packet.

Answd. 14 Feby. C.L. - - Referd to the Comee. - .

- - - Referd to the Comee.

5093. Rowland Cotton Esqr. at Etwall Derbysh. 12. Janry. In answer to the Socs. Circular Letter ~~these few days before [illegible]~~ Thanking them for the packetts to himself and his Mother. That he cant tell whether a Sett of Mr. Ostervalds Arguments &c. were containd in his Mothers packet, but by the Bulk he supposes they were not.

5094 Sr. George Wheler at Durham 7. Janry Thanking the Society for the packet. That the other which came under his Cover he had delivered to Mr. Bowes as directed, and had acknowledged the receipt of them sooner, but his great Afflicon occasion'd by the death of his Eldest Son prevented him. That he has lately recd a Letter from Mr. Smith a Bookseller demanding a Guinea for 50. Bp Bulls Candidates for Holy Orders which he wrote for some time since to the Society, and believes he must have long since paid for, which he desires may be Enquired into.

5095. George Bowes Esqr. at Durham Janry 11. In answer to the Society's Circular Letter Thanking them for the packet. That he is sorry to say, that the Charity School there goes on but heavily, or rather Sticks; thô his Endeavours shall not be wanting to Continue it. But if his designs cannot be accomplished, he shall Content himself with disposing of his Charity either at London or Hall, in which he would be glad to be advised.

5096. Wm Baker at Layham Suffolk 7. Janry In answer to the Society's Circular Letter, Thanking them for the packet. That with the first opportunity he designs to send in his Mite to ye Socy.

5097. Arthur Bedford at Newton St. Loe near Bath. 9. Janry. In answr. to the Society's Letter of the 1. Instant. That the Circular Letter therein mention'd to have been sent the 4. Decr. last, never came to his hands. C.

Thursday. 24. Janry 1716/7.

5098. Dr. Moses Hodges at Warwick 15. Janry Thanking the Society for the packet. That besides the Charity School for 20. Boys Cloath'd in Blue who are maintaind by an old Charity — with C.

Sch

Answd. 27th. April. Vid. 4859. Wrote to Mr. Cotton at Lichfield & sent
a sett of Mr. Osterwald's books by Mr.
Cotton's Servt. 27th. April. 1717.

Vid Lr 26r
Jany.

NB. Sr Geo: W: in his Lre 8. March 1714/5 Enclosed to H.N.
a Bill for a Guinea on Mr. Geo: Blodworth paya
to Mr. Smith. Vid. 4319.

C. L. 5. Feby
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with the Interest of 100li. There's also cloathed in Grey 26. Boys by what is found in the Charity Box and by 2. halfyearly collecons. That there are 12. more also cloathed in Grey at the Charge of a private persons which makes the Schools for Boys Consist of 58. That there are 12. Girls also Cloathed in Grey at the Charge of a Noble Lord. That his Parishioners begin to be Convinced of ye usefullness of this Charity and tho he hath long met with discouragements, he now finds his Labour not to have been in vain

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5099. Tho: Tilson at Aylesford Kent 28. Xber to Mr Hoare Thanking the Society for the packet. That the Charity School there prospers very well, and the Subscriptions Increase yearly. That Barming and Boxley being mentiond in the account of Schools, there are ~~no~~ only a few Children taught at 2d p Week.

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5100. Dolon De Ners at Eaton 17. Xber Thanking the Society for the packet, the receipt whereof he should not be so slow in Acknowledging, but that he daily Expected some overture to be made concerning the design of Erecting a Charity School in that place, but finds no advances made towards it there. That Dr La Croze having made him a visit, their whole discourse was upon that Subject, and at last concluded that neither of them could properly be the first Movers of it.

5101. Tho: Price at Bentley Staffordshire 19. Jany That the Badness of the air obliged him to quit his Residence at Merthir Tedvil, where the Charity Schools are broke up the Benefactor having withdrawn his Subscription That having taken a Curacy near Nottingham, He hopes to do a little more good there than in Wales, tho the people are grossly Ignorant and Immoral. That if ye Society have not disposed of all their packetts he should be glad to have a few English Books to distribute among 'em as well as some of those in Welsh for his friends in Wales. The Carryers Name is Woolley who Inns at ye Ram in Smithfield. That his Neighbors in Wales are grown Impatient for the Welsh Bibles, for which they Subscribed he therefore desires to know how that work goes on that he may Satisfy them.

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C. L. 30. April.

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C. L. 5. Feb.y

To acq.t him that his Pacq.t was sent to Merthir Tedvil, when and by whom, and to desire him to Enquiry whether he cannot recover that Packet. NB. It was sent the 8.th Nov.r by M.r Watkins under cover to M.r Williams at Brecon.

NB he Continues at Bentley near Wolverhampton til May next

5102. James Cranston at Haſtings in Suſsex 17. Janry In answer to the Society's Circular Letter, thanking them for the packet, That the Arch Bishop of Canterbury's Admonicons are very good & ought to be Complyed with, but the people there, are all from the highest to the Lowest intirely well affected to the Government, and true Members of the Church of England, and may be reckoned to the Number of 5000. at least. That it's matter of Comfort to him to Acquaint the Society, that his people continue Stedfast in their good principles and practices. That he rejoyces to hear of the good Succeſs of the Danish Miſsionaryes.

5103. Tho: Blennerhaysett at Patching in Suſsex 17. Janry. In Answr. to the Societys Circular Lre thanking them for ye packet That there's no Charity Schools in those parts Except a few Children taught at West Tering at the Charge of the Rector but under no particular Regulacon. That he has more than once disperſt Small practicable Books in his Psh but they are recd with Contempt, which he attributes to ye Malignity of those parts, where any pson that dares to show a steady affecon to the present happy Governmt. is sure to be discouraged, of which he has had a very sad Experience, and can hope for no redreſs while some psons are continued in the Comiſsion of the peace

5104 Tho: Bate at Calke Leicestersh: 16. Janry In answr. to the Socs. Circular Letter, & to thank them for the packet. That Calke in the Account of Schools is placed in Leicestershire, & tho' it borders upon that County yet it is in Derbyshire, There's no Charity School in that Village but poor Children for several Years past have been Educated, & are still likely to be pticularly among the Cha: Scholars at Ticknall a Neighboring Village, whose Names are frequently called over at Church that they may attend Divine Service, that they learn only the Church Catechism and the Exposition by Mr. Lewis

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5105. Samuel Blackwell at Brampton Northamptonshe: 21. Janry In answer to the Society's Circular Letter thanking them for the packet, that he rejoyces to hear of the good Succeſs of the Society and the Zeal with which the Arch Bishop Exerts himself. That he begs leave to mention a

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method which a Member of the Society has taken to promote the usefull Work of apprenticing poor Children. He was Encouraged to plough up some part of his Parsonage Glebe, and as that was of some Advantage to himself, so he both took Care to secure the Interest of his Successor, and to reserve a 10th part for ye aforementioned purpose, whereby one Child has been put out and two more will be as opportunity offers.

5106. Mathew Postlethwayte at Denton in Norfolk 21. Janry In answr. to the Society's Circular Letter thanking them for ye packet That the Charity Schools there continue to flourish, & tho most of the poorer sort of Children whose parents are Dissenters are admitted into the Schools yet none of his Dissenting parishioners will Subscribe any thing towards their Support. That having but 2. persons that Subscribed & they only £3.10: p annum, he is obliged to pay a great part of the Salary to ye Master & mistress out of his own pocket and tho it be a great Charge to him he resolves to Continue it. That there was a Mistake in the last Accot. of Schools in respect to the No. of Children there, who were 50. & tho 3. or. 4 are since gone to service yet that Number is not much lessened.

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5107. Wm Colbron at Brighthelmstone Sussex 17. Janry In answr. to the Society's Circular Letter thanking them for ye Packet. That before ye next Account of Schools be publisht Care shall be taken to transmit to the Society ye most material Occurrences in those parts relating thereto.

5108. John Evans at Uffington Lincolnsh: 21. Janry In answr. to the Socs. Circular Letter to thank them for ye packet That there's another Charity School Sett up at Peterborough at the sole Charge of Mr. Tho: Deacon wherein 20. Boys are taught to read write & Cast Account. that both the Schools there are under the Care & Governmt. of their respective founders who are all well affected to ye Governmt. both in Church & State.

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5110 John Hodges of London [illegible]

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5111 [illegible]

5109 Danl Somerscales at Dodington Kent 16. Janry In answer to the Society's Circular Letter. That a packet will come safe to him by William Marsh from the Greenman in Dark house Lane near Billingsgate, That since a Charity Sch: hath been Erected there, & at Newnham there has been 33. Children taught, tho the Charity doth not extend to a Genl. Cloathing, but only to those that want most. That there are no persons that he knows of with him but what are well affected to the Government, & no Catechism taught there but that of the Church, til the Children can give a Sensible account of every distinct Duty contain'd in it. Then Dr. Isham's Exposition is used, and when any Child can say that by heart he has a Bible & Comon prayer Book given him, and when he can answer to all the Questions at the end of Each Section in Bp Beveridges Exposition 20.d is given him or his friends for him.

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Thursday 31. Janry 1716/7.

5110. John Hodges at London 25. Janry. That having distributed the Society's packet with good advantage among the Clergy when he was in Glocestershire, The Reverend Mr Hill put a Guinea into his hands as a Benefacton to the Society. That that Gentleman is a great Admirer of Monro's Book on Education & Osterwalds Causes of Corruption among Xtians. And if the Society would be pleased to make him a present of each of them, with some more Xtian Monitors, Pastoral Letters & Familiar Guides, they would very much oblige that good man.

5111 Peter Needham at Kings Somborn Hampsre. Janry 23d. Thanking the Society for the packet, the receipt of wch he had Acknowledged sooner, but that he had the Misfortune of breaking a bone in his right arm of which he is not yet recovered.

Answd. 14. May. To send him a Packet

Answd. 5. Feby. Ordered that thanks be sent to Mr Hill & that he be invited to a Correspondence with the Society.
That a Sett of Mr. Ostervalds arguments &c be sent instead of the Causes of Corruptions among Xtians with the reasons for so doing.

C. L. 14. Feby.

5112. J. Chamberlayne at Westmr 30. Janry Desiring a List of the Benefactors that have Contributed thro' his hands to the Malabar Mission, with a few Copies of Mr. Ziegenbalg's picture for the Chief of them.

5113. Michaell Bull at Brastead in Kent 26. Janry In answer to the Society's Circular Letter thanking them for the packet That the Charity School at Sundrich is Increased to 26 Children, and at Brastead (not Bradstead as 'tis in ye List) the Number is 19.

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5114. Francis Bragg at Hitchin Hertfordshe 29. Janry Thanking the Society for the packet, & in answr. to ye Society's circular Letter.

5115. J. Greenwood at Newport Shropshire 25. Janry In answer to the Society's first General Letter. That he thankfully accepts the favour of being admitted a Corresponding Member, & shall be glad if he can be Instrumental in promoting their good designs.

Thursday 7th Febry 1716/7

5116. Dr. Hugh Todd at Penreth Cumberland. 31. Decr. 1716. Thanking the Society for the packet. That there is a good probability of a Charity School being set up at Carlile towards which there is between 20. and 30li p annum Subscribed by the Bishop, Dean and Chapter, and 'tis hoped that the Corporacon will Concur with them.

5117. John Creed at Buckland Monachorum Devon 5. Janry To thank the Society for the packet. That there is a Charity School for 16. Children in a Neighboring parish call'd Plympstock. towards which 14li p annum is Subscribed, and that in other villages of the same parish 13. Children are taught to read. That these Schools being capable of further Improvemt, 'tis hoped means will be found to Effect it.

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Answd. 14. Feby. A Second General Lre.

C. L. 26. Feby.

C. L. 15. Jany.

5118. Francis Hursh at Clysthydon Devonsh 2. Febry To thank ye Society for the packet, and to request their Acceptance of a Guinea which he shall remit by Mr King as a Testimony of his hearty Concurrence with the Society in their Undertakings. He Encloses an account of a Religious Society of Clergymen & others in his Neighborhood, which is as follows, being by order of ye Society enter'd verbatim.

" The Private Society of Clergymen and other Gentlemen to ye Eastward
" of Exeter who the last Year Transmitted the method of their Proceedings to the
" Honble Society for promoting Xtian Knowledge, did again at the breaking up of
" their Meetings the last Winter resolve that such another Account of the Transactions
" of their Society for the preceding Year should be prepared by one of their
" Members to be sent up to the honoble Society in London.

" For they humbly Conceiv'd that that Great Society wholly Employ'd in doing
" good, and equally delighted in hearing that the same was Endeavor'd to be
" done by any other hands, would not disdain their Correspondence, nor
" think it an Interruption to their happy Employment to read what
" Attempts are made in the Country in purſuance of their own deſign

" The Answer which the Honble Society sent them last Year, & for which
" they now Expreſs their Thankfulneſs, Sufficiently aſsured them that
" Religious Combinations of well disposed persons are extreamly Agreeable to
" them, and an Excellent means of promoting piety. And tis a mighty pleaſure
" and Encouragement to them to find that they in particular have the
" approbation of persons of so great a Character, and so Succeſsfully Skill'd in
" the divine arts of furthering Religion among Mankind.

" This Society in the Country do with Grief and Concern see that they
" can but very faintly Copy after the Noble pattern sett them by those Great
" men: But still they are willing to be thought deſirous of Imitating in
" their very narrow Sphere, Such a bright Example, and of doing in little
" (which is all they can do) what that Eminent Society has, thrô the visible Bleſsing
" of God, don in so plentifull a manner in all Corners of the Land; Distant
" Regions, even the Indies themselves, not wanting their kindly Warmth. Under
" such Influences this Society in the Country deſire to act, and would rejoyce to be
" taken under the Care and protection of so great a Society, which may justly
" be honored as a kind of parent of all the private Religious Societys in ye
" Nation.

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Answ^d. 19. Feby. Refer'd to the Com. to prepare an Answ^r.

"To Express therefore their Willingness of being accepted as in a State of Dependance on the Honorable Society, they have remitted to them, for the furthering of their Excellent designs, a Small Tribute out of their Stock; and do now send them this Account of themselves.

"The Methods of their Meetings, which are always begun with prayers in Church, they sent to the Honble Society about this time 12. Month. All that they have now to add is, That almighty God stil Inspires them with the Resolucions to proceed in carrying on the Ends for which they first associated themselves Viz^t. The promoting Religion in their several parishes, The Conferring about the Concerns of their Ministry; and the Contributing their endeavours to any pious and Charitable Work. They hope that by their Religious and Brotherly Conferences they do not only Improve each other's understanding; but likewise very much promote their Zeal for the Glory of God, and Warm themselves into the putting into practice with pleasure whatsoever they joyntly resolve upon as necessary for the furthering of true Religion. And they humbly trust in almighty God that he is the more prevaild upon to Bless them in their Joynt Endeavours as a Body, because they have resolved that each Member do recommend all his Brethren of the Society in his daily Prayers to God.

"What they resolved upon last year with respect to frequency of Communion, they already have the Pleasure in some Measure to see the Benefit of: And they hope that in due time they shall have further Occasion to rejoyce upon that head.

"Their Little Stock, which is made up of the Contribution of 2. Shillings paid by each Member every Meeting, they hope they expend to the best Advantage. Part of it goes in necessary Expences every Meeting, and in Encouraging the Masters and Children, where there are Charity Schools. What could be Spared from those constant demands this year was laid out in the following manner.

Given

	£	s	d
Given to a Ministers Widow in Want	1„	—	—
Given to a poor Woman		1„	—
Paid for 100. of Xtian Monitors	1„	—	—
Paid for 100. Tracts of Confirmacon		6„	—
Paid for 100. of Wells of Reverence in Gods House and Worship	1„	—	—
Given for the use of a Minister in Distracon	2„	—	—
Given a Ministers Widow in Want	1„	10	—
Given to a Ministers Son to assist him in the University	1„	—	—
Given to a Gentleman in Distress	1„	7	6
Sent to the Hon.ble Society for promoting Xtian Knowledge towards assisting them in their good designs	3„	—	
	12„	4	6

" They heartily Commend the honoble Society and their great & noble
" Undertakings for the benefit of Religion to the Care & blessing of that
" Infinite being, in whose Service they are so Industriously employ'd
" and they humbly hope that as often as those Great & worthy persons
" do send up their Prayers to Heaven in behalf of all such as are Engaged
" in the Cause of God, they, however hid in a Country obscurity, do not fail of
" the benefit that such Addresses, for the sake of Jesus Christ, bring down
" from God.

Thursday 14. Febry 1716/7

5119. Peter Osborne at Stoke Gabriel Devonsh: 11 ~~[illegible]~~ Janry. In answer to the Society's Circular Letter, That he had remitted by one of his friends 20. shillings towards promoting the designs of ye Society. That as to the MSS. he formerly sent to the Society in order to be published, he is not willing to have it printed since the Society have one on the same Subject, and therefore desires to know what the Title of that is.

Anſwd 14th March Order'd Thanks for his Benefaction.
encloſing a Copy
of the Short Refutation of
the Errors of the Chh
of Rome.

5120. Daniel Somerscales at Dodington in Kent 10. Febry ~~[illegible]~~. Thanking the Society for the packet, which by distributing he hopes will move the hearts of several perſons to anſwer in some meaſure their most Xtian deſign. That the Contribucons wch begun in the Town and parish of Feversham about Michas last and Succeſsfully carryed on by the prudence of Mr Cock Vicar of the said pariſh for teaching & Cloathing 10. B. & 10. Girls he ſuppoſes will come to the Knowledge of the Society from Mr Cook himſelf. That there are several well diſposed ꝑsons of Interest, concern'd in promoting a School at Milton a large pariſh, from whoſe Endeavors he hopes to hear of Succeſs.

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5121. Jo: Sturges at Glatton Huntingdonsh: 6. Febry Thanking ye Society for the packet. That the Charity School at Holme (which is a Chapelry belonging to Glatton) the Trustees have reduced to 12. Boys part of whom are Cloath'd, that the Curate who undertakes it may have some reward from the reſt above that Number who are beſt able. That in the pariſh of Glatton there never was above 12. tho the printed List mentions 20. That 2. of ye s^{d} 12. are Connington Boys supported by a Lady, which has Occaſion'd another Miſtake in the Liſt, wherein a School is said to be at Connington, whereas there never was any.

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5122. Tho: Watts at Orpington Kent 11. Febry Thanking the Society for the packet which came very Seasonably towards Accompliſhing his Endeavors to Erect a Charity School at St Mary Cray, at which place he buryed an Ancient Gentlewoman who left an Estate of 90^{li} ꝑ annum to be sold by the Court of Chancery for payment of 1500^{li} Legacys and the overplus to be laid out in a purchaſe for Educating poor Children. That Mr Lamb of Lincoln's Inn who is the Executor is puſhing on ye Sale, of wch he hopes to Inform the Society.

C. L. 18. Janⁿ

C. L. 26. Feb^y

C. L. 16. March.

5123. Sr. Griffyth Boynton at Burton Yorksh.e 9. Febry In answ.r to the Society's Circular Letter. Thanking them for the packet

5124. John Creed at Buckland Monachorum Devon Febry 1. In Answer to the Society's Circular Letter, repeating the same words as to the Erecting a Charity School at Plympstock, because he is under a doubt that his Letter to the Society of the 5. Instant has miscarryed

5125. Wm. Fenwick at Hallaton ~~Rutland~~ Leicester shire 6. Febry. In answer to the Society's Circular Letter, that he had not reced their annual packet & began to think they had Excluded him their Correspondence on ~~Suspicion~~ Suspition of his being a person disaffected to the Government. That he prays for King George not only at Church, but also by name in his Family. That he has preached against Insurrecons and Tumults not only in his own parish but other places, showing thereby how contrary it was to the Christian Religion. He desires to know whether the Society reced his Letter last year recomending Mr Burkitts Exposicon on the New Testament as a Book most proper for the Missionaryes. That the Master of the Charity School there is a pson well affected to the Governmt. and attends ye publick Worship frequently, tho' his parents are Dissenters. That the Nation is very happy in the present Arch Bishop who is Eminent not only for his Learning & piety but for his great Wisdom in Governing the Church & sending Letters to the Clergy.

5126 Henry Maule at Corke in Ireland 5. Febry. That it is with Pleasure he can inform the Society, that the Charity Schools lately Erected in his parish of St. Mary Shandon in that City have met with very Uncomon Encouragemt. since their first ... Foundacon. That they Consist of a large Building, in the front of which are two Schools for 25. Boys & 25. Girls with Suitable Accomodacons for Master & Mistress. That the Schools are large enough for a greater No. of Children, and to the 50. which are cloathed, there is 30. more added, who in time are to be put in a proper habit

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Answ^{d}. 21. Feb^{y}.
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Kings Speech.

To Enquire after his packet.
His Packet was sent by Biggs 11th. Oct^{r}.
from ye Ram in Smithfield.

To send his Packet as desired. See 4904. for
other particulars concerning his Schools.

habit. That Building the Schools cost very near 600.l, and the Support for maintaining this Foundacon is at present a Voluntary Subscripcon of 110.l which daily Encreases. That at Killfinane in ye County of Limerick there is a Charity School erected for 30. Boys Cloathed Supported by a Subscripcon of 50.l per Annum. That these poor Children in the Familys where they lodge have done great Services, by their regular Behavior & constant Devotions at home, in which the Family constantly Joyns, particularly a little Girl about 9. years old has been the means of bringing over an old Irish Woman of above 60. to our Holy Religion, for she being the person who had the Care of this Orphan from her Infancy, she first tenderly rear'd her, and after finding the prayers the Child used at home were so Excellent, this Engaged her first to attend the publick Catechism in ye School and then came privately at first, as she has since publickly to Church, thrown off her Irish habit, and declares she will unalterably remain in our Comunion to her lives End. All which the Society may depend upon for fact. As he has rec'ed no packet for the last Year, if the Society please to send one to Mr. Noblet Ruddock Merch.t in Bristol, 'twil come safe to hand. Mr Ram &c. will inform the Society of the Schools in & about Dublin.

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9.th Feb.7

5127. Dr Henry Felton at Whitwell Derbysh: In answer to the Society's Circular Letter thanking them for the packet which the Carrier demanded Carriage for, tho the Society Signifyed twas paid at London. That after 5. Years — Experience he is forced to make the same Complaint which he finds so frequent from other hands. That he cannot by any means prevail with the parents to let their Children attend the School so constantly, or continue at it so long as he would have them. That there are now 25. Boys & 16. Girls taught. That the Eldest begin to be fitt for Service, but can't pretend to apprentice them — having no stock for that purpose. that there is one —

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To Enquire by whom his Packet went & whether
Carriage was paid

advantage in their Staying at home, whereby he has an opportunity of Instructing them more perfectly in their Catechism, and what time they have to Spare from work, he obliges them to attend ye School. That he has hitherto Supplyed them with Books, and when he wants more, he shall desire the Society's Assistance in buying them at the best hand. That in regard to the Society's Circular Letter he thinks fit to acquaint them, that the Master of the Cha: School there is well affected to the Government, and never Concerns himself in matters out of his Business especially with politicks.

5128. John Grove at Southampton 6. Febry. In answer to the Society's Circular Letter thanking them for the packet, That it is much to be Lamented that there hath been any just grounds for Complaint agt. any Teachers of the Charity Schools, and tis not doubted, but by punishing those mentioned in the Circul. Letter, will have an Influence over others to deter them from Intermedling either by themselves or Children under their Care in such Riots and Tumults as disturb the peace, and tend
Sch only to affront his Sacred Majesty. That he desires the Society to be assured, that the Schoolmaster there has not only taken the oaths, but deserves Commendation for his prudent ... Management of himself & Scholars. That he hath always behaved himself so Circumspectly that his greatest Enemys have not been able to fix the least Imputacon of disloyalty to the present Establishment, and his Scholars are under so strict a discipline, that on any day of Rejoycing, none of them are permitted to be in the Streets after Evening prayer nor Suffered either to assist in, or to beg mony for Bonfires. & that 5. of those Children have been put out since the first Erecon of ye Schools.

Thursday 21st Feby. 1716/7.

5129. John Jackson at Hullavington in Wilts: 13. Febry. In answer to the Society's Circular Letter thanking them for the packet. That there are 20. Children in the School there, that having no fund
Sch: to Apprentice them, they are disposed to Services and at leaving the School have a Bible with other proper Books given 'em That there is a Charity School at Westonburt in Glocestershire for as many Children as come, which are usually 10.

5130. Jo: Bradley at York 31. Janry In Anſwer to the Society's Circular Letter. That he is sorry to find any Occaſion for the Admonitions of his Grace of Canterbury against Riots & Tumults. That he rejoyces to see the Miſsion in the East Indies promising so plentiful a Harvest. & prays for the Succeſs of its Undertaking

5131. Dr. Foulkes at Exeter 13. Febry In Anſwer to the Society's Circular Letter to thank them for the packet, he Encloſes a Bill of 2 Guineas for 2. qrs Subſcripcon to Xmas last.

5132. Paul Lorraine at London 18. Febry To Mr. Shute That having disposed of the last packet of Books presented him by the Society april 1715. he deſires a New Supply, particularly a Stitcht Book for prisoners under the Sentence of death.

5133. John Disney at Lincoln 13. Febry In Anſwr. to the Society's Circular Letter thanking them for the packet. That the Religious Society there looſe no Opportunity of doing good having by their own and other private Subſcripcons a tolerable good Fund to diſpoſe of yearly in releiving ye Neceſsitous and buying and dispersing small Religious Tracts among the poor and Ignorant, and what adds to his Satisfacon therein,
Sch is, that tho they have been 5. Years upon that foot, they are an abſolute Secret to every body, it not being known that such a Society is in that City. & that they have reduced ye Numb. of Schools from 4. to 3. finding that 4. were more than they can maintain. However he hopes by Employing some of them in work concurrently with reading will make amends for that Reducon.

5134 Ralph Thoresby at Leeds 29. Janry That when the Cargoe to ye Miſsionaryes is dispatch'd he should be glad to be favour'd with the Copy of the annual Abſtract Communicated to ye Society at at their Anniverſary Meeting, with a Copy of Prince George's Funeral Sermon if it could be had without being burthenſome to the Author. That before the next Accot. of Schools is publiſhed he hopes to send an accot. of thoſe in his Neighborhood as deſired in ye Circular Letter.

B. Mr. Shute rec'd p 2. Guin.s

Order'd that a Packet to ye Val. of 20. Shill.s
be given to Mr. Treasurer for Mr. Lorraine.

5135. Arthur Bedford at Newton St. Loe Somersetshe 18. Febry Thanking the Society for the packet and Circular Letter & to Signify his desire about distributing a few of his Sermons lately printed.

5136. Samuel Arnold at Nettleton Wilts 9. Febry To Mr Greene That the Schools at Nettleton and West Kington which before were in one are now turn'd into two, Scituated so that the Minrs of each place may more easily Inspect them. And there is still 30 Children in that of Nettleton as there was before, 13. whereof are Cloathed That the certain allowance towards the Charge of it is but 10£ ⅌ Annum which goes to the Mar., so that the Expence of Cloathing and buying books lyes upon him and such friends as he can procure

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5137. Edward Kelsal at Boston Lincolnsh. 14. Febry Thanking the Society for the packet and Circular Letter. That of ye 19. Boys who have left Mr. Karfoots School, 6. have been put apprentice, 3. of which to Sea. That 11. are at Service and in a little time 'tis intended to put ym out Apprentice That 17. Girls have been removed from School, two of which are apprentices & 1. at Service. That there's a third Charity School there founded by Mr Laughton who left an Yearly Legacy for putting out 3. Apprentices Annually, which accordingly has been done for 7. or 8 Yrs past. That the same method is used in that Town for bringing the poor to Church as is mentioned in ye Circular Lre, That Mr Karfoot and Mr. Wilson Master of Mr Laughtons School have been constantly carefull of their Schollars and dont suffer them to affront or any way misbehave themselves agt. the Government. That they teach no Catechism but that of the Church with Mr Lewis's Exposicon nor use any Books in the Schools but wt. are first approved of, And the masters themselves are entirely well affected to his Majesty King George. That the Gentlemen at Spilsby have opened their Schools some time since, where there are 24. B. & 16. G. Cloathing.

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Mr. Sprint of Little Britain sells ye Sermons.

......vid. 5043.

5138. Dr. Elstob at Canterbury 13 Febry. In answr. to the Society's Circular Letter thanking them for the packet. That the 2. Cha: Schools there for 66. Girls are carefully instructed by two Mistresses to read, write and work, being Educated in the principles of our holy Religion according to ye Church Catechism, and in their duty and good Affecon to King George That as to the other School for 58. Boys the like Care is taken by the Mar. who is very diligent and regular & dutifully affected to the King and Governmt. And a pson who will take Care if any riot should happen, that none of his Scholars do bear a part in such Disorders. That for the future a Regr. will be kept of the names of all the Children taken into the Schools, but how they are disposed of after they are taken from thence (few being put to Trades) he cannot well discover.

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Thursday 28th. Febry 1716/7.

5139. Lord Digby at Coleshall Warwicksh: 23. Febry 1716/7. In answer to the Society's Circular Lre thanking them for the packet, That the Arch Bishops Rules relating to ye Charity Schools are not in any particular transgress'd in ye School there, That Great Care is taken to Instruct the Children in Xtian ~~Religion~~ knowledge and good Manners without troubling themselves with such things as are not proper for them. That the method for bringing the poor to Church is like to have a good Effect, there being something of that Nature at Coleshall.

5140. I. Greenwood at Newport Shropshire 23. Febry. In answer to ye 2d. General Letter. That by Communicating the Societys Lres to the Clergy in his Neighborhood he shall use his utmost Endeavors to promote their designs, and that a packet will come safe to hand, if sent by one Pain &ca. from Blossoms Inn in ~~Chancery Lane~~ Lawrence Lane every Monday — Thursday & Saturday.

To send him a packet.
Sent. 21 March.

5141. John Portman at Madresfield Worcestershre 13. Febry To Mr Shute Enclosing a Bill for 10. pounds, of which he desires the Society's acceptance towards promoting their designs either in India or elsewhere, as Mr Shute shall think meet.

5142. Robert Hill at Stow on the Wold Glocestershre. 13. Febry. In answer to the Societys of the 5th Instant. That his age and other Circumstances which he lyes under, hinder him from being a proper Instrumt towards carrying on the designs of the Society; That tho he waves the Invitacon of being a Corresponding Member, he shall not fail to inform the Society either by himself or others, when any thing, fit to be Communicated, comes in his way.

5143. Marshall Bridges at Wells Somersetshre. 19. Febry. In answer to the Society's Circular Lre thanking them for ye packet. Enclosing a List of the Boys admitted into ye School at Wells from it's foundacon. That the Subscripcons there are declining, and therefore they are not in a Condicon to bind out the Boys apprentice, however, he hopes still to keeping the School, tho several persons have withdrawn being displeased with the Town about the last Eleccon. That the direccons in the Circular Lre shall be observ'd as far as in him lyes, they being entirely agreeable to his Sentiments.

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5144. Thursday 7. Mar 1716/7.

Dr Davies at Heydon in Essex 4. Mar In answer to the Society's two last Letters relating to Dr Mores Works for the lending Librarys in Wales that the money for the 4. Setts he desires may be paid to his Sister More in St Christophers Church Yard in Threadneedle Street That if the Society will Erect other Libraryes or ~~as are~~ should be inclined to send Dr Mores Works only which are a Library of themselves, he will furnish them and bind them for ~~half what they give for ye 26~~ 26. shillings a Set

Answd. 7th. March. Order'd Thanks.

NB. He has had a Circular Letter.

See Mr. Hodges's Letter. No. 5110.

NB. To communicate this Letter to Mr. Green.
Mr. Green took it 7th. March. at ye Chapterhouse.

Answd. 20th. April. To acquaint him that the Society have disposed
of 150. Copies of Dr. More's Enchiridion Ethicum
& would be glad of 50. more.

5145. Richard Drake at Great Oakley in Essex 27. Febry. That he had reced the Society's packet as a new Corresponding Member and Returns his thanks for it, that he has been very much affected with the perusal of them, and cannot Satisfy himself without Joyning in promoting the same designs as the Society are Engaged in, in order which he has agreed with the Neighboring Clergy to have a Monthly Meeting at each others houses during the Summer, and last Sunday he call'd a Vestry to recomend to them the Setting up a Charity School for the poor Children above 7. Years of Age, and they have so far Consented as to desire a Fortnights Consideracon to know what poor are willing and fit to receive this Charity. He desires a Guinea may be laid out in ye undernamed Books Viz^{t}.

25. Church Catechisms broke into Short Questions with prayers for Charity Schools.

25. Spelling Books such as the Society recomend.

And the Overplus of the Guinea to be laid out in New Testaments.

5146. W^{m}. Nevar at Wye in Kent 2. March In answer to the Society's Circular Letter thanking them for the packet, that he is sorry he cannot give ye Society an account of the Settling of the Cha: School there, their Agents in Chancery being actually about a purchase of 1200^{li}. which he hopes will be Compleated, the mony lying ready in ye hands of a Master in Chancery.

5147. Richard King at Exeter 27. Febry In answer to the Society's Circular Letter which he has laid before the Trustees of of the Charity Schools there, who have Ordered the Resolution of the Trustees in London to be fixt up at Exon, tho he thanks God there is no need of such orders in that City, being free from all Riots and Tumults ag^{t} the Government. That he has 10^{li}. 3^{s}:00^{d} to remit to the Society, for which he desires M^{r}. Shute may draw upon him. He desires a Continuacon of the Letters from the Missionaryes in the East Indies, those he reced last being 20 Aug^{t}. $\frac{20}{21}$ Octob^{r}. & 13. November 1715. from M^{r}. Grundler and 25. October 1715. from Governor Harrison.

Answd. 9th April with C. L. NB. To send the Books he desires, & it is finally referd to the Councel to prepare an answer to this Letter.

Answr. 6: April. To send him what he desires as soon as may be.

5148. Capt. Thomas Morris at B[illegible]idge near Carlile 8. March. In anſwer to the Society's Circular Letter, thanking them for the 2d. packet which he rec'd last Week, and that he attributes it's long coming to hand, to his living out of the City of Carlile.

5149 Mattw. Heynes at Wasperton Warwickshire 2. March In anſwer to the Society's Circular Letter thanking them for his packet sent to Mr. Odell of Bedfordshire. That there are no Charity Schools in that Neighborhood, but the want thereof is supplyed to that and other Neighboring parishes by an Endowd School at Hampton Ling, of which the poor Children are free. That for the future he deſires packets may be sent by Rothwell ye Warwick Carrier from the Bell in Smithfield Thursdays.

5150. Fra: Boynton
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Geo: Davies } their Joynt Letter from Beverly Yorksh. 27. Febry In anſwer to the Society's Circular Letters, That the packets therein mentioned to be sent 6. Weeks before, are not yet come to hand. That they readily Embrace this opportunity to declare their Satisfacon of the Inſpecon that has been made in the Charity Schools in London, whereby all such Maſters as were not firm to the Government have been turn'd out, and that Care is taken, that neither the Maſters nor Children meddle with political or party principles They beg leave to aſsure the Society, that in regard to all the Corresponding Members (which they have any knowledge of) in those parts, and of themſelves, that they are all Strict Adherers to, & Zealous actors for ye present Governmt

5151. Dr Henry Godolphin at Eaton 4. Mar. To Mr Jennings That he very much approves of the deſign of Erecting a Charity School there, but having something more to say on that Subject than the Weakneſs of his Eyes will permit, he must deferr it till he comes to town about a Fortnight ~~hence~~ or 3 Weeks hence.

Answd. 9 Mar — The packets were sent by Dalton Mar. of the Happy Return under Cover to Mr Ryles Bookseller at Hull.

N.B. The original of this Letter was returned to Mr. Jennings.

5152 Barthow Beale at Heathhouse Shropshire 28 Febry. That in the last packet from the Society he finds a little Book Entituled: A Dialogue between a protestant Minister and a Romish Priest, by the author of the Husbandman's Manual, which he thinks has something odd in the rest of the Title in the following Words: Wherein is Shew'd that the Church of Rome is not the only true Church and that the Church of England is a sound part of the Catholick Church of Christ. Whereas the Generality of protestants will hardly allow the Church of Rome to be a true Church, or if in any Sense a true one, yet so very Corrupt that a man runs a great hazard by continuing in it, and that if he be Saved at last, it must be as by fire: upon which Consideracon he has been backward to give the Book, least upon sight of the Title page, people should argue as it seems natural to do from thence, that if the Church of Rome be not the only true Church, it is at least a true one, & ye principal one which Notion he Supposes was not in the Author's design to propagate, and much less in that of ye Society's.

Thursday 14. March 1716/7

5153. Dr Jones Dean of Bangor at Bangor 8th March. In answer to the Society's Circular Letter thanking them for the packet. That he transmitted last Year an Account of some Cha: Schools in the Countys of Carnarvon and Anglesea, but finds no Notice taken of them in print. that he has reced the 2. & 3d. part of Pietas Hallensis but not the 1st. That he hears frequent Complaints about the delay of the Welsh Bible now in the press, but hopes it is dispatch'd with all Convenient Speed. That as the little Book entituled an Exercise agt Lying is well adapted to the use of Charity Schools, some more Exercises in ye same Bulk and method would do well, if publish'd agt the Comon Sins or faults of Children, as, agt Swearing, pilfering & Stealing, & agt brawling, Quarrelling & Calling of Names.

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Answd. 2. April.
vid. Spec. Lett.s book.

Orderd that the 1st part of Pietas Halensis be sent to him.

5154. Wm. Fenwick at Hallaton Rutlandsh. 5. March That at length he has reced the Society's packet and thanks them for it. That for the future he deſires his packetts may be sent by Simpson from the Roſe next the Ram in Smithfield. That he deſigns to take the first Opportunity of sending his Annual Contribucon

5155. Samuel Peploe at Preston Lancash. 8. Mar. In anſwr. to the ... Society's Circular Letter thanking them for the packet. That ye Two Charity Schools there are taught by persons heartily well affected to the present Government. That the Church Catechiſm with Mr. Lewis's Exposition, and no other are taught in them. only he himself composed some Short and plain Queſtions with that required only in Anſwer Yes, or No, to them. for thoſe Children who are taken in very little and Jgnorant. This is in the way of the Ch. Catechiſm which he thought would be proper, to prepare them for the larger Queſtions & Anſwers. That a few of the Boys have been bound apprentices, & some taken for Servants. That he is sorry to say, that there are too many in thoſe parts who have loſt all Senſe of the Dangers & Miſchiefs of Popery, & have too favorable Sentiments of that Religion.

5156 Richard Drake at Great Oakley in Eſsex 12. Mar. That he has waited for the Books he lately wrote for to diſperſe in his parish But as he has met with discouragements from the Chief Jnhabitants, and an Unwillingneſs from ye poorer sort to send their Children to School. Upon which Consideraton he deſires a Stop may be put to buying the Books, til he himſelf comes or sends to London in the Summer.

5157. Jo. Downing at London 14. Mar. Acquainting ye Society that Mr. Nicols's Book is finished. That the price to the Subſcribers will be 10d. in Quires, and 7d. a peice bound, after the manner of three sent as Specimens. That there are three half Sheets more added, than was at first proposed, which is the reason why the other penny is advanced. That unleſs 500 be Subſcribed for, he shall loſe considerably.

Answ.d 10. Aug.

To send in his next Pacq.t a larger quantity of Tracts ag.st Popery.

C.L. 9. april. To acq.t him y.t the packet was sent before his Letter came to hand.

5158. Tho Fishenden at Rolvenden Kent Mar 9th: In anſwer to the Society's Circular Letter thanking them for the packet. That he has found the like Expedient with what is there mention'd for bringing the poor to Church. That his method has been to allow some of them to take up weekly some meat – from his Butcher. That he sends for & diſcourſes with 'em before they be admitted to that priviledge, & discards thoſe who upon tryal have not anſwer'd his deſign. By which means, he has brought several ~~souls~~ constantly to Church who seldom appear'd there before.

Thursday 21. March 1716/7

5159. Thomas Greene at Westmr 20th: March. That having held a Correspondence with Col: Rose and the Reverend Mr Tabor both of Jamaica, he took occasion last year to transmit to them some Copyes of the anniversary Sermons preached at St Sepulchers with the Account of Schools, & recommend to them the Erecting Schools there for the Instrucon of Slaves and such others as might want such helps. That having lately rec'ed a Letter from Mr Tabor upon another Subject, there is a postscript in the following Words.

"I thank You Sr for your present of Sermons & List
„ of Charity Schools, they have had so kind an Effect,
„ that one Gentleman here offers to settle 100ll ℘ annum
„ for ever for a Maſter's Salary, and to be at 3. or 400ll
„ Expence in a Building, and what we much want at
„ present is a good Schoolmaſter.

That as he doubts not but this short Account will be very acceptable to the Society, so he hopes they will readily give their aſsistance in promoting it whenever it shall be neceſsary.

5160. John Philipps at Carmarthen 11. March. In anſwer to the Society's Circular Letter thanking them for the the packet. That the Reverend Mr Prichard of that Town & himself Collect the Sacrament mony with which they pay for the Schooling

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Sch. and cloathing of 10. poor Boys, besides 12. other poor Boys settled by Mr. Edmond Meyricks Charity. That they have a Stock of 12li. to apprentice ~~12~~. some of the Boys. That for the future they have agreed to distribute 3. or 4s. monthly to such of the poor as come frequently to Church, where there is prayers twice every day. That he shall give the Master of ye Charity School all the direccons mentioned in ye Society's Circular Letter.

5161. John Strype at Low Leyton Essex 18. March. In answer to the Society's Circular Letter thanking them for the Instruccons therein contained That it is very acceptable to him to hear of their prudent Management of that great Trust and those good Successes made even among the Heathen Idolators. That the free School there was founded for teaching 14. Boys, half of which are Children from Walthamstow. That ye Schoolmaster hath a good house with 4. or 5. Acres of Land & a Salary of 12li. a year. That 7. Boys of Leyton are cloathed with 2. or 3. more by private persons. That he has not yet recd the Society's packet. Sch.

5162. J Lewis at Margate in Kent 18. Mar That Mr Martin Vicar of St. Clements Sandw. whom he recomended to the Society for a Corresponding Member had desired him to Signify to the Society his willingness to undertake that trust in Case they think fit to admit him to yt Honor. That he is a person whose desires are to be usefull. That he is of a mild & meek disposition, and believes him to be very sincerely affected to his present Majesty, That he believes he has, as other very good and well meaning men have b[illegible], been carryd away by the dissimulacon of Hicks &c, But he has reason to believe, that Mr. Martin never Scrupled ye Lawfullness of our Civil Establishmt. nor ever was in any measures which he thought were intended to Overthrow it.

5163. Robt. Payne at Saltwood near Hyth Kent 14. March. Thanking the Society for their comon packet. That the Charity School at Hyth is in a thriving Condition, tho he finds Great difficultyes in Uniting those for it's Support, whom a party Spirit bitterly divides. Sch.

Answd. 2. April: NB. The packet was sent Oct: 5. by Sutton's Coach from ye Black Bull without Aldgate.

Answd. 2. April. To write to know whether the person proposed has taken ye Oaths.

5164. Levit Pearson at Finningly Nottinghamshre 9 March. In Answer to the Society's Circular Letter thanking them for the packet. That his own School he hopes will continue as long as he is Rector. That none are concerned in the Support of it but himself, towards which he allows his Easter offerings and most of his small Tythes, by which means he hath a

Sch good Master who teacheth 8. poor Children on his accot. & all ye other in the parish with some in Neighboring places. That he reads prayers every day if at home, and upon Fridays Catechise & Expound in ye plainest manner he can, by which ye Children can give a tolerable Account of Doctrines of ye first & second Covenant, the Offices of our Saviour, and ye Obligacons, Christians are under to lead an Holy life: That this year, he has given a Coat, hat, Neckloth & Gloves to 7. of ye Children leaving then no more at School; which by ~~reason~~ Gods blessing he intends to continue. That he proposes a Method for making the annual packets less Expensive and yet more usefull. Vizt. That each Correspondt. Transmit an Account of the State of their parishes, as what Vices are most Comon, what Dutyes are most neglected &c. And that the Glory of God might be better advanced and the Children of the Cha: Schools more Edifyed, if Books on those Subjects were dispersed among them. That a proporcon of the Books he receives from the Society he bestows upon ye School at Wroot which is upon a good Establishmt., on which 12li ⅌ Annum is Settled forever for a Mar to teach 20. poor Children of that Town to write read &c. and every Child at leaving ye School hath a Bible, prayer Book & Duty of man bestow'd on him.

Thursday 28th March 1717.

5165. Ed: Parry of Owestry Shropshre: 22: March In Answer to the Societys Circular Letter that all things relating to the Conduct of their Charity Schools should be conformable to the directions of the Society That the Packet signify'd to have been sent by Symonds in Octobr: last is not yet come to his hands. That Mr: Pool a Corresponding Member is dead.

5166 J Wisdome. Westmr: 23d March Containing an Answer to several Queries sent to him by ye Direction of the Committee Relating to the Nature of ye work & ye time ye Children are Imploy'd in it in ye Grey Coat Hospital in Westmr.

Answd. 2: April. To advise Mr Pearson of the design of the [illegible] packets.
vid. W. Lett Book.

Answd. 16. April. To enquire after his Packet.
His Packet was covered to Mr. Pool.

Refer'd to the Comee

Fran: Boynton.
5167. Thos Mease.
Geo: Davies — Beverly Yorkshire 25th: March Thanking
the Society for the Packet they have Recd: and that
Mr Gee & Mr: Moyser joyns with them in the same
they desire that the following ~~Charg~~ may be sent to them
to be paid for

20. plain Bibles wth: Comon prayer Books
12. Whole Dutys of Man bound in Sheep
12. Ostervald's grounds & principles of ye Christian Religion in Sheep.

That these be Directed with a Bill of Charges To Alderman
Davies an Apothecary in Beverly & sent by ye first Ship from
London to Hull.

5168 Mr: Wheeler Warpenham Northamptonshire 25 March.
That he has been privately Inform'd that the Unhappy
Divisions of these times have had such an Influence on some
Members of the Society as not only to obstruct the freedom
of the Consultations but even to endanger their constitution
That his Tenderness for the Honour of this Society & hearty
Zeal for the publick good made him slow to believe what
he wisht might not be true but his own Observation of
some harsh contests when he was last in Town And
receiving no letter from the Society since his last on the
sixth of November Inclining to fear that things were
not so well as they should be And if he is Mistaken I
should be glad to be asured of the contrary.

5169. Mr Strong Yeovill Somersetsh: 20 March In Answer to
the Societys Circular Letter Thanking them for the Packet
yt ye School there was Open'd in Septembr: 1707 since wch: 14
Boys have been bound out to honest Trades and five pounds
given wth: each That 350li has been at several times given by
pious Benefactors Deceased with wch: they have purchas'd
Sch some Land as a perpetual support for the School. That
the School Master is a very sober honest man, one that has
taken ye Oaths And Mr: Strong will Undertake That care
shall be taken that no principles anyways prejudicial to
the Establish'd Government either in Church or State shall be
instill'd into ye Children as well as that they daily attend the
publick prayers.

5170. John Rogers Brentford Middsex In Answer to ye Societys Circular
Letter that he was favour'd with a Packet about 9 Months
agoe And if any has been since sent to him it never came
to his hand That he shall in a short time trasmit a State
of the Schools to the Society.

Answd. 24. Aug. To send ye Books Desired

They were sent by a Hull Hoy: 3. April. 1717.
call'd the York Hoy.

Answd. 13. April. Refer'd to ye Comtee to prepare an Answer

To shew ye latter pt. of this Lettr. to Mr. Downing

To send him an Annual Packet to Mr. Appleby

'Tis sent to Mr. Appleby's, 4. April.

5171. Ed: Welshman Lapworth Warwickshire 22 March To Vindicate the Title page of his Dialouge between a Protestant Minister and a Romish Priest Yet that he is not so Wedded to it but that he can freely Admit it to the Judgment of the Society And shall Acquiesce in any Alterations they shall think proper to make in it

5172. Hum: Jorden Glasbury Brecknockshire 18 March In Answer to the Societys Circular Letter to thank them for the Packet that he pays for Schooling & Books Yearly for 57 Children but the Number of either sex varies according to the Exigencies of the poor in ye parish That tho' they are kept in 4 little Schools in the Countys of Brecknockshire and Radner his parish being in both, he thinks it very well to name them as they are in the List 1 School & in Brecknocksh. That he hopes Shortly to give an Acco:t of some Schools they are going to Erect in Brecknock Town That at Shifnall in Shropshire there is given 200l to be laid out in Land for teaching & Cloathing six poor Children for ever And ye School is now Open'd.

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5173. Mr Ford London on 23 March 1716/7 Giving the following Acct of the School at Bradford in Wiltshire. That there is a strong Old Stone Building given for a School consisting of two large Room's an Upper & Lower Flower There is a Man & his wife who are ye Master & Mistress of this School and who ~~would~~ teach all the Boys & Girls of the town who are willing to be Instructed; the Boys in the Lower Room & ye Girls in the upper Room. The Contributors give 5. Shillings once a Year for each Boy or Girl who is taught to read: The method of Instructing them is as follows The School is open'd in ye M: at 6. in Sum: & as soon as it is light in Wint: The Children do not come to School alltogether but the School is Open'd in a Morning with about 12 Boys & as many Girls who stay & are Instructed for 2. Houres who then go home to Work the remainder of the day (it being a great Cloathing Town) & as many more Children come in their Room for 2. Houres more & soe on during the whole day No Children Learning above two Houres in a Day ~~Which is thought sufficient~~ And their Parents & Relations cannot spare them a Longer time from their Work by wch: Methods very great Numbers of Children are Instructed: for he y will give 2 "– " – [illegible]: hath 8. Children instructed to read. There are also at sett times Men & Women taught to read

Answd. 23 April.

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Thursday. 4. April. 1717.

5174. Cha: Strangways Maiden Newton Dorchestershire: 28 March 1717.
In Answer to the Societys Circular Letter thanking them for the
Packet, That the hopes of having a Charity School in the County
of Dorset on a ffund of 800li. is now at an End that money being
perverted to ye providing Trophies & other Embellishmts of war
all that is Expected now is private Schools, That he is glad
to find every day new Specimens of his Grace ye Lord Arch
Bishops favour in promoting the good of the Church; The
Clergy are oblig'd to him in particular for the remarkable
Services he has done them. That Mr. Haynes had his
Packet at the same time he receiv'd his & undertook to
signifie their thanks to the Society for them.

5175. N Wm. Trimnell Wicken near Stony Stratford Bucks 2. April 1717. In Answer to the
Societys first General Letter that he is much oblig'd to them
for the Honour of being chose a Corresponding Member
that by the blessing of God he will Endeavour to answer ye
end & design of the Society.

5176. David Humphreys Secty to the Society for Prop. the Gospel. London Middsex 15. March 1716/7
Signifying the thanks of the Society for propagating
the Gospel to this Society for a Malabarian Grammar
presented to their Library.

5177. Hum: Jorden Glasbury Brecknock sh: 29 March 1717.
That since his last to the Society he is inform'd by a good
hand that a Subscription is setting on Foot at Brecknock
Town for the Girles by the Women of the place, That the
Sch. School is Open'd and 14. Girles are Cloath'd & taught in
prospect of a greater Number And That the Gentlemen
of the place who are wealthy will come into a like —
Subscription for the Boys.

5178. Wm: Johns Stroud Glocestersh: 27 March 1717. In Answd: to the
Societys Circular Letter That it is next to Impossible to be —
particular as to ye Number of Children taught and put out
since the first Erecting the School in 1700. several of ye
Sch teachers and even ~~of~~ the parents ~~of the~~ and Children being dead
but for the future he has taken care that at least whilst
he lives that the Directions of the Society be Observed.—

Answd. 18 April. The 2d. Genl. Letter.

That the Children have not been taught politicks or vain Disputes but plain
Doctrine according to Godliness. The Neigbourhood there being thrô Gods Mercy
generally speaking hearty friends to the present Governmt. That it must be Acknowledg
that the Neglect of publik Worship is a great evil thô he cannot think it is to be mended by mony
because God seeks not Votaries y are hired by hope of money wch will perish as Dr. Gouge found by Expe
rience & was therefore forc't to change the Method of his Charity That ye means he has found
most Successfull herein has been ~~Visiting~~ every Family without regard to the Differences of Opinion
in Dispersing several of those small Tracts of Pietie Spicimens of wch had been sent to him of
the Society.

5179. Dr. Wm: Hallifax Old Swinford Worcest:e Shire 1. April. In Anſwer to the Society's Circular Letter That the Schools of ~~each~~ his parish & Salwarpe continue in the same state as formerly but there being no proviſion in any of them for placing out the Children when they be come capable of it (Except in Mr: Foley's & Mr Glovers Charitable Foundation) Not Notice has been taken of those yt has been Dimist the Schools. That out of Mr: Foley's Hospital 8. or 10. goes out Apprentices ~~Annually~~ Generally every Year to Manual Trades. And there is four pounds two suits of Cloaths & a Bible allowd by the founder for that purpose to each Boy. That Mr: Glover allows 5£. for placing out each a prentice Yearly but he Obliges them to stay three Years at ye free School before they are Capable of it; And for that reason none has been hitherto put out. That the Vigilance of His Grace the Arch Bishop of Canterbury is never to be sufficiently comended nor could any thing be more just & reasonably than the publick Cenſure past upon the Delinquent Masters And that the Society may be aſsured that none of such disloyal & pernicious principles shall ever find the least Encouragmt: from him or any whom he can Influence That the Children are carefully brought to Church and taught to say the Church Catechiſm with Mr Lewis's Expoſition by turns as they are able.

5180. Richd: King Exeter Devon 26 March 1717. to Mr. Shute concerning the distribution of the Money remitted to him, mentioned in this days Minutes.

Thursday. 11th. April. 1717.

5181. Sam:ll Sandford Presteigne 5. April. Radnorſhire In Anſwer to ye Society's Circular Letter thanking them for the packet, That the affair of the Schoolmaster there has been 6. Months in the Eccleſiastical Court at Hereford but he is afraid the Trustees will not be able to bring it to a good Conclusion there since they are forc't to own ye Mast:rs Title & perhaps after all his abominable abuſes all may End in an admonition.

5182. J Greenwood Newport Shropshire 6. April. That he has reced ye Societys Packet And will take care at Easter to distribute them amongst the poorer Parishioners Ordering them as they read them over, to Exchange one wth another or else to have a Table set in ye Chancel And the Books layd upon it on Sundays for the well disposed, to read them there, betwixt Morning & Evening Service. That he shall follow one of these ways wch will best conduce to the good Ends the Society propose in sending them.

5183. R. Davies Christ Church Surrey 10. April That the Encouragmt he receives for Officiating in ye Marshalsea is very Inconsidable That for the last Year & Quarters Service he has not yet recd 40. shills clear of ye Expences he has been at on acct of that place And that he has no Expectation of receiving about 25. or 30sh more wch is likewise uncertain That he wishes a Competent provision where made and a Clergy-man procurd to perform Divine Service And to preach in that prison other than he does, That till that is done he shall be willing to read prayers & preach a Sermon once a Week (viz) on Thursdays) provided he has the Certainty but of 7. pound a Year for his Service including the Subscriptions And that paid him Quarterly by the Society That he proposes this matter with the greater freedom, as not being Foreign to the Designs of the Society for the promoting Christian Knowledge And that without the Certainty of so small a Salary He hopes the Society will not expect that he should any longer Officiate in that prison.

5184. Thomas Morris Carlisle Cumberland 6. April. Thanking the Society for the favour of their last packet of Books most of wch he has Distributed, That the Christian Scholar is so useful a book, among the poor boys. That he wishes he could have several more of them, That being a Stranger to the Liberties a correspondent may take with the Society he desires to be informd whether he may Name the Books or some of them wch his next Annual packet may consist of And if so he would Gladly Choose ye Christian Scholar for much the greater Number of any other

5185 Sama: Knight Chippenham Cambridgsh: 31 March That he is so forward wth his School at Burrow Green That he hopes to open it the week after Easter And to settle this Sumer ten pounds a Year upon it That if any Countrey Schools should want a Master from the Society He desires Mr. Stebbing Brother in Law of Mr. Farecloath of Kennet, And a very honest man, may be recommended to them.

Answ.d 23 April.

Refer'd to the Comittee

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The following Letre from Mr John Legg Mercht at Fort St George in the East Indie's Dated the 29th of August 1716. is Orderd to be Entred Verbatim

Sr

5186. I am favourd with your two Letters of the 4th & 28th Feby: 1715/6 the first by Mr Ziegenbalg accompanying the Packet of Books you were pleasd to send me by order of the Society; the Second acquaints me that in Consideration of the Character the Revd Mr Stevenson had the Goodness to give of me they had appointed me a Corresponding Member of their Society. I beg you woud in return assure them, that I shall always be very willing nay think my self happy if I can be any ways assisting to so meritorious a work as they are engag'd in.

I often read with pleasure the Progress they have made in their Designs and as I have had the Opportunity of visiting many Countrys in Europe and Asia, I have met with none that had more need of this Regulation than England, in Popish Countrys their Superstition leads them to take some Care of their poorest Youth, which in our Country grow up without any Notion of Religion or Morality therefore certainly the greatest praise is due to those who have engag'd in so generous a work, not only for the Benefit of their Country but to rescue so many from Destruction. Sch.

You will no doubt before this have heard of our beginning here in the same Practise We have now above thirty Boys & Girls cloath'd, maintaind and Educated on a Subscription that we have rais'd amongst us, we have already above two Thousand Pounds in Bank, and I dont doubt in a few years we shall raise a Sufficient Fund for the maintaining fifty or I hope more.

Mr Ziegenbalg is gone for Trincombar I have offerd him my Service in any thing I could assist him in and shoud very punctually perform it. I once more desire you would assure the Gentlemen of the Society, I shall allways be very ready to lend what Assistance lyes in my power towards promoting their worthy Designs. I hope now you will favour me with your Constant Correspondence It will be taken as a very great favour.

Sr &c

Fort St George
Augt 29th 1716.

Most Oblig'd Obedient
humble Servant
John Legg.

To Mr Henry Newman

Refer'd to ye Comittee

5187. Th: Burnet Weskington Wiltsh: 5. April In Answer to
the Societys Circular Letter That the Number of the
Scholars taught at his Charge at Littleton drew is at
present ~~but~~ seaven tho he offers the priviledge to all
that will Accept it. That at his Parish of Weskington
he had 15. Scholars last Christmas but so soon as he
Sch had Cloathd them they decreasd imediately to ten
their present Number That in ye Parish of Nettleton
the School lying more Convenient for the Neigbouring
places the Number is somtimes above 40. but is
generally about 34. 12 of wch are Cloathd every year That the Master is oblig'd to
teach as many of the Parish of Nettleton as shall be
admitted by ye Minister So that they are not
confin'd to a set Number.

5188. James Yonge Plymouth Devon 7. April. In Answer
to the Societys Circular letter. That he had Received and
dispos'd the Societys Packet according to Direction That the
Decay of Trade the prejudice the Desenters have lately conceiv'd
against the Charity Schools having made them withdraw
their own Subscriptions makes it difficult for the present
Managers of them to hold their own However those in that Town
remain as they were

5189. Rob: Watts Great Gidding Hunt: 6. April. In Answer to the
Societys of the 28th of March Desiring to have Copies of
Mr. Cobbs last Letter to the Society and there Answer to it
for his better governmt in writing to Mr. Cobbe. Mr. Mapletoft
Sch. of Huntington after several promising Attempts to set up a
Charity School there is oblig'd to content himself wth paying
for the Instruction of 12. poor Children and some other well
dispos'd people are at ye expence of teaching others in a
private way. An Accot of sevll Schools erected was enclos'd.

5190 J: Lewis Margate Kent 6. April In Answer to the Societys
of the 2d Cir. That ye Gentleman whose Character is inquired after has taken ye Oaths, and he is glad the Society are so carefull in ye Choice
of Corresponding Members considering how many have by the dissimulation
of Nonjurors been carryed away to Embrace false Maxims both in Civil
and Ecclesiastical Polity, to which both the Realm and Church of England
have been always hitherto Strangers. That too many of late have been
lifted up with the flattering Notions of their being Ecclical princes Soveraigns
Regents &c. of their having power to save and to destroy so that a man had
need of a good deal of Courage to say any thing in opposicon to these false
maxims which have been so far from Gaining Credit to the Clergy that
he can demonstrate they have been the true Cause of that Contempt where
-with they have been treated. That one Extream naturally produces
another and had it not been for the Cast of the Regale and Pontificate, it's very

. . probable We had never had the Rights of the xtian Church &c./

Thursday 18th April 1717.

5191. Anthony Springett at Lewes in Sussex 13. April. In Answer to the Societys Circular Letter thanking them for the packet. That he shall Endeavor what in him lyes to pursue the wise and Excellent direcons of their Letter relating to Charity Schools.

5192. GovE. Shute at Boston in New England March 1st. In answer to the Societys first General Letter That he shall be always ready to approve himself Worthy of the honor they have done him, tho the hurry of his affairs would not permit him to wait on them before he left England. That when any Vacancy shall happen there among the Clergy of ~~on~~ the Church of England he hopes Care will be taken to supply them with men of Learning and Sober Lives, as well as bright Preachers, or else the Church of England will make no figure. That there has been a small difference ~~bet~~ at Marble head between the Church of England, and ye protestant Dissenters there, which he made a Journey on purpose to . . . Accomodate and hopes it will have the desired Issue, of which the Society will be better informd when tis Accomplished.

5193 Wm Harrison at Stanton Glocestershire 13. aprl 1717. In Answer to the Societys Circular Letter That he formerly Acquainted the Society that the Charity Schools in the parishes of Newland & Coleford were in Danger of falling by the death of Col: Colchester & Col: Wyndham, but he is now to inform them that they are entirely dissolved, and he does not at present See how they will be restored That he has lately had an opportunity to Enquire after Monmoth Schools, and finds there has been none for Several Years wch he doubts is owing in some measure to the Conduct of the Corresponding Member there. That about 12. poor Children some of which are Cloathed are constantly put to School at Stanton & 2. or 3. have been put out apprentices. Sch

The following Letters from the Reverd Mr Stevenson relating to the protestant Mission in ye East Indies were Ordered to be entred Verbatim.

5194. I sent you a Letter by the Mary, and inclosed some papers in it to give You the clearer Notion of the Charity School that We founded lately at Fort St. George.

Since

Answd. 11. May . . . Refer'd to the Comee.

Refer'd to the Malabar Comittee.

NB. To acqt. Mr. Zieg. & Mr. Grundler with the Characters given of them by Mr. Stevenson.

Since that, I have been at Tranquebar, where I spent three days with great Satisfacon. On Sunday I heard Mr. Grundler preach to the Malabarian Converts in their own Language: and Mr. Berlin made an uſefull earnest Lecture in portugueze. The people seemed far more attentive Serious and Composed in their behavior than Our Europeans generally are: And the children whom I heard catechized in portugueze have juster Notions of Religion, and are greater proficients in true Christian Knowledge than thoſe of a more Advanced age are amongst us.

I have not time to Enlarge upon the order and good discipline yt are kept up in the three schools, nor the continual Succeſsfull Labours of the Miſsionaryes. The Governor and the Danish Mmr. of Tranquebar give Mr. Grundler an Extraordinary Character, and Confirm ye good opinion I always had of him. He's a man of great probity, Sobriety Prudence and every good Quality. And I doubt not but his marrying a rich Widow who has no Children will render him the more capable of carrying on the Work of the Miſsion.

Sch

Mr. Berlin is likewise a very pious diligent Youth, and Seems to have a Genius for Languages which is very requisite in a Miſsionary he made so great a progreſs in the portugueze tongue, that he was Master of it in one Year, and now preaches in it with great eaſe and fluency.

As for Mr. Adler he's an Artist so uſefull and Ingenious yt he deserves the greatest Encouragement. I saw the paper mill he is now a making: it is in great forwardneſs and will be finished he says within a few Months. Governor Haſsius who is half concerned in the project is afreid it may miscarry for want of thoſe linnen rags they uſe in Europe: but if this Country Linnon can be Serviceable, they'l get a considerable profit by their Manufacture besides their furnishing paper for the uſe of their own preſses.

In my next Letter I shall lay before You the Obstacles that at present retard the progreſs of the Miſsion in theſe parts, & what methods are most likely to promote it.

Mr. Grundler and I are of Opinion that it will be most proper to begin a Charity School here in Fort St. David rather than at Fort St. George becauſe this place being but about 60. or 70. Miles distant from Tranquebar, one of the Miſsionaryes can easily go over, & Direct the Management of the School. Whereas a Journey to Madras is both more Tedious and Chargeable, Besides the Country people

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here seem less prejudiced, and less Engaged in Comerce and the other affairs of Life, than those in the populous Town of Madras: And as they have more Leisure, So it is likely they'l have greater Inclinacon to learn & practice ye Doctrines of the Gospell. But Mr. Grundler thinks it altogether necessary that he or Mr. Ziegenbalg be upon the place at the first opening of the School. And I advised him, when he setts about it to bring two or three of the Tranquebar Scholars with him to this place, to begin the School and Encourage people to send their Children thither for Instrucon.

In my former Letter I desired that if the Society were Inclined to send out any more pious Books, they might be such as were wanted in our School at Madras; I mean prayer Books, New Testaments, & the best Catechisms.

Mr. Hastings the Deputy Governor here sent Mr. Grundlers packet of Letters by our English Ships, and recomended them to Mr. Wooleys Care.

I am

Sr

Yor obliged humble
Servt

Wm Stevenson.

Fort St. David
3d Febry 1715/6.

From the same hand Dated 25. August 1716.
at Fort St George

Sr

The foregoing Letter should have gone with a French Ship, that lay then at Pontyscherry: but she sailed the day before it could reach that port.

I recd the Letters you sent me by the last Ships; and forwarded such as were directed to the Missionarys.

You will here from Mr Ziegenbalg himself I Suppose that he arrived here with his Wife on the 30. July last. I had ye pleasure of his Conversacon during the fortnight he stayed here at my house, ~~at~~ In which time I easily discovered in him much good Nature, great mildness, affability, a disinterested Religious temper, and an Active Zeal for the Salvation of Souls.

The 4042. Ounces of Silver that he brought with him, were sold for 3526. Pagodas: So that there was at least 30. ℘ Cent gained upon it. there being but a small quantity of Silver sent out this Year from Europe, the value of it was considerably raised above what it was the last Year. His other things were put aboard a Tranquebar Sloop that happened to be in the road when the Prince Frederick arrived: but this being the season of Southerly Winds the Sloop could not be supposed to reach Tranquebar in less than a Fortnight: And therefore he chose to go with his Wife over land in Patinkeens; & ye rather because she was brought very low by a Sickness that lasted all ye time of their Voyage. We were not apprehensive of any danger or disturbance from the Moors: nor did the Governor make any Scruple of letting Mr Ziegenbalg go when he was ready.

We have agreed to delay the opening a Malabar School here till the present Governor is gone home, which I hope will be in January next. Governor Collet is expected ~~[illegible]~~ every day to Succeed him & will I beleive be a hearty friend to the Mission, tho he seemed once to have been disobliged by the Society. He is a Gentleman that has an Excellent Character both at home and abroad. I wish ye Society had taken the trouble of recomending their Concerns to him, & thankt him for his past Services.

This you desired Mr Lewis and me to doe about two Years agoe; and Accordingly (Mr Lewis being gone to England) I sent Mr

Collet

Collet a Letter of thanks in the Societys Name, which gave Occasion to the Friendly Correspondence I have since kept up with him.

I dont doubt but I shall prevail with Governor Collet to represent to the Company the Necessity of sending out Chaplains to Bencoulen, and Fort St. David. His application I think is more proper as he is now to be Governor of these inferior Settlements, and will be better reced by the Company, than addresses from the Deputy Governors of them, tho they reside upon the place.

Sr. I did not know a more effectual way to promote the practice of true Devotion, than by distributing the Copies you sent me of Mr. Nelsons Excellent Books among the well disposed Inhabitants of this place. I am very sorry for the death of that pious Worthy Gentlem, tho I knew him no otherwise than by his General Fame. His Works, I'm persuaded will do good, so long as people have any relish for piety or good Sense.

One Copy of the Books you sent out, is always placed in our Library. Last year We sent home a Copy of the Books that belong to it; which Mr. Wooley can show you

The little assistance I gave to Mr. Grundler last year did not deserve the particular Notice the Society were pleased to take of it. I shall always be ready to serve the Mission to the utmost of my power: And if I were to suffer any damage by doing so, I should reckon it an Advantage rather than a loss.

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In a former Letter I sent you a large Account of our Charity School which is now in a very flourishing way. There are 32. Children that Subsist upon the Stock; and 10. more that have their learning gratis. The fund already raised amounts to about 1500.lb Sterl of which 500.lb is to be Employed this Year at Sea and is likely to produce of real profit at least - - - - - - - - lb 150

The Interest of ye other 1000lb. at 8 ꝑ Cent is —— 80. And

Our Monthly Collecons amount yearly to about —— 100. more

So that the whole yearly Income of the School is £ 330.

The Expences of the School yearly will be .... 180. So that There may be added yearly to the Capital Stock £ 150. besides what may be expected from the Beneficence of the Inhabitants, who in their Charity and humanity have but few equals, indeed none that I ever had the good fortune to be acquainted with.

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I know not whether a Malabar School will meet with the same Encouragement; but I am sure tis as much wanted as the other. For I cannot reckon less than 20. poor Children born yearly of the Slaves belonging to the English, that are quite neglected. most of them continue Heathens: And of those that are Christened, the greatest part for want of a xtian Educacon go over to the portugueze Church, and so never reap any benefit from their Baptism. I hope to see the Malabar School settled upon a foundacon before I leave India, which my health will oblige me to do much sooner than I intended. For, I find my Strength decay gradually every Season: So that sometimes I am not able to go thrô with the comon Necessary Dutyes of my Function; thô these are not ye occasion of half the fatigue I am otherwise obliged to Endure.

By this Ship I shall Acquaint the Directors of the Company, yt I design to return to England so soon as they send out another Minister to supply my place. I cannot but earnestly wish he may be one that is Zealous for the good of the Mission, if you are Acquainted with any such Clergyman who is willing to come abroad, I must beg the favor of you to Introduce him to the New Bishop of Bangor and Mr. Lewis who have more Acquaintance, and more Interest among the directors of the Company than any persons I know. I shall write to both to recomend to the Company whatever Gentleman you shall name to them, who I doubt not will carry with him sufficient Testimonials of his Character and good Life. The sooner you do this the more assured you will be of Succeeding. For so soon as the News of a Vacancy here arrives in England, there are several Clergymen that offer their Service, and carry very powerful recomendacons to the Company. And you know Sr. all other things being equall there's a great Advantage in making the first applicacon. I need not press this upon you any further: for you cannot but know that lyes very much in the power of a Minister here to do much good to the Mission and otherwise by his diligence and prudent Conduct, or to retard that excellent Work, and frustrate any other good design, if he should prove ill affected, or but indifferent towards it.

Sr. The effectuall propagation of the Gospell in these parts has of late had a great Share of my thoughts; which as yet I have not been able to reduce into that order wherein I would have them appear before the Society, I have reason to beleive there might be a wonderfull progress made in the Conversion of the Natives, if proper methods and a sufficient

Number

Number of persons were Employed in that Glorious design. You know what Steps have been already taken. The Danish Missionaryes have done as much as was possible for 2. or 3. men to do in the Compass of a few Years: They have learned two languages, translated a Number of Books, founded Schools, built Churches and trained up Catechists for the future Service of the Mission. But they seem now to be at a Stand for want of more Labourers.

Mr. Ziegenbalg told me that he could have brought 20. Young German Divines with him, but that the Danish Clergy are a little Jealous of their Nations Honor, and would not have the Mission wholly carryed on by men of another Nation. But how easily might this difficulty be removed if the Society should address themselves to the Colledge for Propagating the Gospell erected lately at Copenhagen, desiring them either to send well qualifyed Missionaryes from Denmark; or at least to procure their King's leave for the Germans to come abroad. What can that Royal Colledge expect from the labours of two men, tho' as pious & indefatigable as any in the World. I assure you Sr. the Care of the Converts they have already made, their translating Books, Supervising the press &c. is enough to employ all their time. If they would have the Work of the Mission go on with Success, they must send out at least Six or 8. more Missionaryes. Two or three will always be necessary at Tranquebar to train up Catechists and Schoolmasters. And if there was a Colledge founded there in some form, the Natives might be trained up at a small Charge, and be qualifyed to be Missionaryes. Three or four of whom must go up into the Country, accompanyed with Catechists and Schollars, that they may preach to the Natives begin Schools in their Villages, disperse Books of Piety, and short abstracts of the Christian Doctrine, and if possible leave Lasting Monuments of it upon Stone, Copper or such durable matter as time may not easily efface. Which Schools and Villages the Missionaryes must visit twice or thrice a Year for the further Instrucōn and Improvement of their Converts. It must be by some such methods as these that the Gospell is to be propagated now, when Missionaryes have not the advantage of Miracles & Supernatural Gifts. These I believe are not necessary in these Enlightned ages of the World. At first the Gospel was propagated by Miracles, because it was necessary to be done, by a few illiterate men, and in a Short Space of time: Now it must be spread by more natural methods: by great Labour Zeal and assiduity.

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Sr. I can only hint to You confusedly some of these thoughts wch. I shall draw out into some method against the next Shipping.

By the Companys packet, I send you Mr. Ziegenbalgs Letters inclosed in a Cover directed to yourself Markt No. 1. and Mr. Grundlers packet No. 2. Dear Sr. I need not tell you how heartily I wish Success to the pious Endeavors of the Society; nor how much

I am

Yrs. Obliged humble
Servt.

Wm. Stevenson.

Thursday. 25. April. 1717.

5195. Richd. Goodwin at Wentworth Woodhouse Yorksh. 22. April. Giving an Account of the ruinous State of his Living upon his Entrance into it, and of the charge he has been at to put the Church & Outhouses in Repair. That he has begg'd 29. Ounces of Plate for ye more decent administration of the Sacramt. That these things with the poverty of his Parishionrs. have not permitted him to set up a School of wch. he is very desirous, nor can he find a person fit for ye business That at Hoyland near Wentworth there are 10. poor Girls of his Parish & 12. Boys Cloathed & taught at ye charge of ye Honble Lady Mary Wentworth, & her Husband Mr. Wentworth and they have promis'd to put them out Apprentices. Sch

5196. Robt. Thomlinson at Whickham near Newcastle Northumb. 15. April. In answr. to ye Society's Circular Letter. That Dr. Ellison & he had received their Packets. The Charity Schools continue there as they were. That he never receiv'd the 1st part of Pietas Hallensis, tho he had ye 2. & 3. in ye Society's last Packet.

2. May. NB. To send him the 1st part of Pietas Hallensis in his next Packet

The following Letter from the Revd.
Mr. Ziegenbalg in the East Indies
was order'd to be enter'd verbatim

A Translation

Most Reverend, Illustrious, and Hon.ble
Gentlemen.

5197. The Divine Providence accompanying us we are now Safely arriv'd at this Port. And by the singular goodneſs of God he has granted us more than we desired by enabling us to perform a long Voyage in a Short time, And graciously delivering us from every danger to which we were expoſed upon the great Deep

In this Voyage I have not only according to the desire of some friends in Germany compoſed a small Latin & Malabarick Dictionary to be printed at Hall, but also according to my promise to you and some other friends in Great Britain by the bleſsing of God I have made my ſelf ſo much Master of the English Tongue that I am able to read & understand every thing in that language though I cannot pretend to write & speak it.

The Captain of the Ship we came over in is a Man worthy of all praise he shew'd us during the Voyage all poſsible kindneſs Mr. Stevenson received us at our arrival here with great Civility, and has entertain'd us during our Stay at this place in his very pleasant Garden. He is a Man endued with many Excellent Qualitys, and most faithful in the discharge of his ~~Office~~ function. He hath establish'd a Charity School in this place wth good Succeſs. And he together with Mr. Jennings & Mr. Legg are Sollicitors to have the Gospel preach'd in the Malabarick language to the Heathen in this Country, but concerning the Method how that may best be brought about, I shall be able God Willing hereafter to inform you.

The Governor of this place has deliver'd to me without any difficulty the money I brought over for the Service of ye Miſsion and has been very kind to us in other respects.

I shall in a few days proceed to Tranquebar, from whence I purpose to write more largely. For the many favours you confer'd upon me when present with you, I do now being abſent return you my most humble thanks.

God

Referd to the Malabar Comee

God grant that unworthy as I am I may be able to accomplish your desires in propogating the Gospel of Christ, and in this undertaking I promise you with the utmost Sincerity to use all Diligence and Submissive Obedience, because wherever I am, I shall always be

Most Revd. Illustrious & Honourable Sirs

Yor. most Obedient Servant
Bartholomew Ziegenbalg

Madras Patna on
the Coast of Coromandel
in the East Indies
18th Augst. N.S. 1716.

5198. John Pember at Prendergast Pembrokeshire. 18. Aprl 1717. In Answr
to the Societys Circular Letter thanking them for the packet, and prticularly
for Mr. Ostervalds valuable Books of which he will Endeavor to
make the best use. That since he has been Minister of ye parish
he has used the following Expedient to prevail upon the poor to
attend the publick Worship of God. Vizt. with part of the money
given at the Sacrament of the Lords Supper he has bought bread
to be distributed after divine Service amongst ye poor that attended
the Church and that he has found this method to have a
good effect upon them. That some Masters of Cha: Schools
in that County have been already, and the rest shall God
willing be desired to keep Registers of the Names of the Children
admitted into their respective Schools, as desired in ye Society's
Circular Letter. Those Masters that are Employed in that part
of the County have so far assured him of their good affeccon to
the King that they and their Scholars pray daily for K
George & the Royal Family. That the Master of St. Issells
Sch School and most of the other Masters in that part of the Country
Complain that they cannot prevail upon the Parents of ye poor
Children to keep them constantly to School. That there are noe
poor Children taught at Haraldston West. That the Master of
Walton East School not being able to prevail with parents to
send their Children to be taught there, if Sr John Philipps
pleases to give leave, that School might be removed to Usmaston
where he is in hopes of having many poor Children taught

Thurday 2d. May 1717.

5199. John Martin Sandwich Kent 25. April 1717. In Answer to the
Society's first General Letter, That he Willingly embraces the
favour of being a Corresponding Member, and shall be glad he may the
least ~~wt~~ be serviceable to the Designs Society.

5200. E: Welchman Lapworth Warwicksh. 29th April 1717. In Answer to ye Society's
Letter concerning ye Title page of his Dialogue between a Protestant
Minister & a Popish Priest that he proposes ye following alteracon if the
Society approve of it viz. Wherein is shew'd yt ye Church of Rome is
neither true nor Catholick & yt the Church of England is a sound part of the
Catholick Church of Christ. That if this be not Satisfactory he leaves it to there
Discretion to alter it as they see good.

5201. Nath Marshall Ormond Street 2 May That he has a Charity School at Finchley
Supported wth some Difficulty for wch 15. Bibles are wanted for 15. Boys That if the Society
can furnish them out of their Store it would be a very acceptable Charity.

5202. Mr. Nicholson Sligoe in Ireland April Enclosing a Copy of ye Address & prayer
wch the Charity Children Deliver'd at each of their Patrons Houses in Sligoe last good Fryday:
Sch That the Number of these poor Children are 72. being all new Cloath'd having Shoes & Stockings Gloves
and Bands. 36. of them at his own Charge & the other half at ye Charge of Benefactors in & abt Sligoe
That he pays for 39. Boys more in other Schools to make up the Number 75. Answerable to his present
age intending God Willing to add a boy every Year to ye Number as long as he lives.

. . Anſwd. 30. Apr 1717.

NB Sr. John Philipps consents to what he deſires.

The Addreſs and Prayer mentioned in ye Revd.
Mr. Nicholson's Letter No. 5202. were as follows viz.

The Humble and Thankfull Addreſs of the poor Children in the Charity
Schools of Sligo to their Worthy Patrons & Benefactors on —
Good Friday. 1717.

Honoured Patrons.

We the poor Children of Christ our Lord & Saviour, do pray to God constantly for you & yours for ye great Christian Charity to us, without wch, we were in appearance undone lost & destroyd. May the great God of Heaven highly reward you all not only Eternally in Heaven, but visibly here on Earth also, for the Glory of his name. The harder it is with any of you to Spare it, the greater is the Charity in God's sight. And we beg you to consider that if any of us be dropd for want of Support, the whole School woud be broke, & coud not Subsist for want of the due Number. Neither can it Subsist without punctuall payment of your bleſsed Charity at the due times of each gale hereafter. which we humbly begg of your goodneſs for the Lord Jesus his sake for there is no Body able now as formerly, to lend us money the while. We here present you with a Copy of that prayer wch we have by heart, & offer up daily to God, for all our Charitable Benefactors. & as Christ our Saviour Dyed as at this good time to redeem us; so when this world had enslaved us to mercileſs Poverty, & want, we must, next to our being Christ's, own our selves in a Humane measure with all humility, to be

Yor Ransom'd Captives in the Lord
The Poor Charity Boys

The Prayer.

O Lord our Heavenly father bleſs us & our Endeavours in our Learning, & grant yt we may grow from Grace to Grace, till we come to all piety, virtue, & goodneſs. And make us ever faithfull Subjects to our Sovereign Lord King George, & his Royall Heires whilst we live. O Lord for the Glory of thy name encrease the Number of such Charity Schools as in thy Mercy thou hast granted to us. Bleſs o Lord, & for ever bleſs wth ye best of thy bleſsings in this world and the next, all those good Christians our Charitable Patrons & Benefactors — that have, under thee, contributed to save our bodys & souls from destruction by Poverty vice; and Ignorance, and have put us in a way to come to the true Knowledge and love of thee and of our only Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour & Glory for ever and ever. Amen.

. . . . . Refer'd to the Comittee

. . . . . . To send him 15. Bibles of ye Sort in the Store.

. . . . . . Refer'd to the Comittee

5203. Edward Gregory at Wooton Underidge Glocestersh 27. April. That the Schools there are increased to 40. Boys & 20. Girls all Cloathed this Easter, and that he hopes the Zeal of the Trustees for promoting them may never want the Encouragement of the Society in so good a work.

Sch.

5204. Edward Turner at Cam Glocestersh: 29. April. In Answer to the Societys Circular Letter thanking them for the Packet. That 10. Boys and 10. Girls were Cloathed in the School there at Easter last. That the Bp of Glocesters Encouragement has very much promoted it. That the School at Dursley is entirely dropt for reasons already Comunicated to ye Society by the hands of the greatest part of the principal Inhabitants of the said Town.

Sch:

5205. Roger Davies Curate of Xt Church Surry 25 Apr. In Answer to the Societys Letter Acquainting him with the reasons of their desisting to Solicit any further Subscripcons to a Chaplain at the Marshalsea. That he intends to read Prayers & preach a Sermon once a fortnight in that place til Midsumer and no longer. And that he rather chooses to continue his Service there no longer, because when that place is considered as wholly destitute of a Chaplain it may provoke the Compassion of some or other to make better Provision for the Spiritual Advantages of those miserable people.

5206. Wm Cleveland at Dudley Warwicksh 17. Apr In Answer to the Society's Circular Letter, That the Charity Schools for 20. Girls lately set up there and for 50. Boys are now all Cloath'd in both. which is such an Encouragement as will prevail he hopes with their Parents to continue them so long in the Schools as to Answer the ends designed by them. That the School for Boys was Erected Lady day 1707. and that for Girls at Xtmas 1715. That the Number of those gone out to Trades & Services can't be exactly known, but are supposed to be near 100. however for ye future an Exact

Sch:

Refer'd to the Comittee.

Answ.d 4th June. pursuant to ye opinion of the Comittee this day.

Register shall be kept as recommended by the Society.

5207. Richard Drake at Great Oakley Eſsex 29. Aprl. In Anſwer to the Societys Circular Letter To thank them for the packet of Books to the value of a Guinea desired in a former Letter. The mony for which shall be paid to Mr. Downing in about a Month. That the poors rates in his parish being at $2^s/4^d$. in the pound for the last half year, he cannot prevail with his parishioners under such a burthen to take any Step towards a Charity-School. That in Anſwer to one paragraph in the Societys Circular Letter he thinks himself obliged to acquaint them. That for his own part he was ever well affected to King George & the Succeſsion in the protestant Line, and that he rejoyces he can say, that he does not know of one diſsaffected person in his ꝑish

5208. Thomas Roſse at Roſs Herefordshire 27. Aprl In Anſwer to the Socys Circular Letter with Dr. Morgan's and his own thanks for the packets severally recd by them. That 12. Children are --- taught at Kempley in Glocestersh: the Subſcripcons towards which being more than Sufficient, the residue is laid out in buying Books for Indigent Families. That the Schools in that place continue as they were, And tho they have lost several Considerable Benefactors to them, New Subſcribers have come in chearfully to supply their places. That last Year 6. Boys & three Girls were put to Trades & Services. That for the future as the Society direct a Register shall be kept of the Employmts. ye Charity Children are placed out to. That Mr Harvey his Neighbor was extreamly uneasy at being as he thought forgotten by the Society, til he Understood that they had dropt their Correspondence with him on Accot. of his Diſsafecon to the present Government.

Sch:

The following Letters from the East Indies relating to the protestant Miſsion were ordered to be entred Verbatim

Sr

5209. I have recd Yours wrote by order of the Society for promoting xtian Religion bearing date the 28. Febry last, and by you return ym Thanks for

for the obliging Expreſsions of their Esteem for me: I have the same Zeal for the Cause they are engaged in with themselves, and aſsure them of my Concurrence and aſsistance as far as lyes in my power for carrying it on, but my hopes as yet are low, while I see the Christian Religion so little understood and leſs practised by its profeſsors: May that Universal Charity and Brotherly Love which our Bleſsed Saviour makes the distinguishing mark of his Disciples, overcome that bitter and persecuting Spirit, which prevails too much among all Sorts. I will not Enlarge upon the Subject, but deſire you to let the Society know that whatever my own apprehensions are of the Succeſs, I shall gladly Concur with them in any means they shall propoſe for carrying on this Great and Glorious Work.

I return thanks for the Books sent me and shall gladly receive all that may be published on the Occasion. I read with Pleaſure the Expreſsions of Your Personal respect, & shall readily Embrace any Opportunity of approving my Self to be with Sincerity.

Sir

Yo. very humble Servt.

Joseph Collet

Fort St. George
Septr. 20. 1716.

To Mr. Henry Newman.

Sr

5210. I have Reced the favor of yours of the 14. Febry by Mr Ziegenbalg who arrived well here on the prince Frederick, and a Duplicate thereof by the King George with another of the same date accompanying two packetts of Books from the Society for which I return my most humble thanks.

My last to you was of the 24. Janry 1715/6 by the Desbouvre I made but a Short stay at Vizagapatam where by my suddain removal and frequent attendance upon the Companyes Affaires have been obliged to Neglect some of my own. it is a miserable poor place Supported by the Company at a great Expence, and they have therefore for many yeares past, Entertained thoughts of Quitting it, seeing the Investments to be made there are too inconsiderable for so great an Expence, the Inhabitants of it are Numerous, the Servants maintained and Employed by the Company being a great Number, The Rest are chiefly Fishermen, Lascars and other poor Laborious people. whose Language is Gentue, this place consists of about 6000. Inhabitants. I can propose no better means of promoting xtianity among them than the same Steps taken by the Danish Missionaryes at Tranquebar. Instructing and Educating of Children must be the most likely means to be used and I take it to be the properest and best place upon ye Coast if a proper person could reside there having Sufficient Encouragement to undertake that good Work. But I shall take leave by our January ~~Fishing~~ Shipping in a month or two more to write more fully on this Subject.

It is a great Calamity indeed, there are so many who profess xtianity continue in such vicious habits as they doe.

I am very much obliged to the Society for the packetts of Books which I recd here of Mr. Ziegenbalgh who is since gone to Tranquebar.

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I wish I were capable of doing him such Services as might truly merit the Thanks of so Honble a Society who I shall be always ready and glad of any opportunity to do it.

I am obliged to the Society likewise for their good Opinion; Mr Legg justly deserves the Character that is given of him, and here is no body the Society could have chose better inclined to .... Encourage their designs; It is a Melancholy Account We hear of England and Scotland, I thank You for the News You were pleased to Communicate in Yor Lre and for the Inclosed papers begging you to Excuse me that I conclude this briefly who wishes you health and prosperity, & am

Sr

Yor very humble Servt
Wm Jennings

Fort St George
October ye 7th 1716.

To Mr Henry Newman

To Mr Henry Newman

Sir

5211. When I wrote to you in August last by the Katherine, I did not think of troubling you again till January. But the Cardonnel having brought Governor Collet from the West Coast is to be sent home now, and I would not loose any Opportunity of Writing, tho I can only give you an Abstract of the long Letter I sent you lately.

I began with the Copy of a Letter I designed to have sent from Fort St David in February last, after my return from Tranquebar: Where I had the pleasure of seeing that exact order and discipline in the 3. Schools of which there is a large (& I can add a very faithfull) account published in a Letter to the Reverend Mr Lewis, while he was Chaplain here.

Mr Grundler and I Agreed that it would be best to begin a Malabar School at Fort St. David first for a Tryal. And seeing Governor Collet will go thither after the Europe Ships are dispatchd in January, I shall Accompany him, & I hope to see the School opened before We return.

Governor Collet was not Arrived when I wrote my last Letter, wherein I wishd the Society would thank him for his past Services to the Mission. after discoursing with him upon this Subject, I found he had recd a Letter from You by these last Ships. I know not whether he will have Leisure to answer it, but he assures me he will Serve the Mission to the utmost of his power. He's an Excellent Christian, an Accomplisht Gentn. and is well acquainted with all ye parts of solid Learning. But you can't be a Stranger to such a distinguished Character.

In my last I gave you an Account of the flourishing Condicon of Our New Charity School: The Stock is daily Increasing. & amounts now to about 1800 Pa: most of the Boys read distinctly, half of 'em learn to write and cast Accounts (being more advanced than ye rest) and two or three learn Navigacon. A dozen of the Children of both Sexes have repeated their Catechism in the Church, which two or 3. of them by turns do every Sunday. This Sr. is as great an Improvement as can be expected in nine Months from children who generally Spoke nothing but portugueze, and therefore were obliged to learn to Speak and understand English, before they could read it to purpose.

I wish I may be able a Year hence to give you as good an Account of the Malabar School we intend to erect here We shall set about it so soon as Governor Collet returns from Fort St David; where I shall Concert measures with one of the Missionaryes that I expect to meet there in order to open a Malabar School ~~here in March next~~ at that place. So that a School, a Master, and all Necessaryes shall be ready to begin a Malabar School here in March next. It shall be no manner of Charge to the Society. For I do not doubt but we shall be able to raise such a Fund as will be necessary for the Support of it. tho perhaps not so much as the Stock of our English School. On this Occasion Sr. I cannot but recomend Mr Francis Hugonin to the particular Notice of the Society. He is a Gentleman of this place who for his singular piety has good will to the Mission in General, and his indefaligable Zeal and care for our Charity School, deserves Your Thanks, and if the Society think Fit I should be glad if he were chosen a Corresponding Member. For, our English School, and the Malabar one too when erected, must be more obliged to his Diligence and care in providing every-thing that is wanted, than to all the other Inhabitants. We have 2

Trustees

Trustees besides him, but he takes the whole Trouble of managing upon himself, merely because he loves to do good, and heartily approves the method of promoting Xtian Knowledge, by the pious Education of poor Children. Tho he be not very rich, nor in a high Station in the Companys Service, he gave 100. pag.s to our School, and I know he will give as much at least to ye Malabar School; when tis opened: and besides will be ready on all Occasions to do any manner of Service to the Mission, which I think cant have too many hearty friends, especially in this place. Whenever I leave it, it will be a great satisfacon to me to think that 2. of the best Xtians, and most deserving Gentlemen in the place will be Supporters of our Charity School, and Corresponding Members of the Society. Mr Legg has so much Credit & reputation every where, that within these two Years he is fallen into a vast Deal of Business, so that the chief way he can be Serviceable will be by his Authority and Interest, which I am perswaded he will always employ for the good of the Mission. But the troublesome part, I mean Corresponding with the Missionrs taking care of their Concerns here, and looking after ye Charity Schools. This must fall to some other person, after I leave the place; and I know none so fit, and so heartily willing as Mr. Hugonin. Don't forget to send him a few good Books, he is wonderfully pleased with Mr. Nelson's Address &c. & methods of doing good: for this is the Chief Business and pleasure of his Life.

This Ship falling in here unexpectedly, I have not had time to draw out my thoughts concerning the most Successfull way of propagating the Gospell among the Heathens, as I promist in my last: but You shall have them by the January Ships.

There's a Danish Ship Going from Tranquebar to Europe with Governor Hassius and his Family: and I believe the

Missionarys

Missionaryes will choose to send their Letters upon her, I acquainted them about a month agoe that our Ship would be dispatcht in the beginning of this Month, but I have not heard from them Since, perhaps the Great Rain that has fallen lately has Swelled the rivers & Stopt the Carriers.

I cannot conclude without intreating you (as I did before) to recomend some Zealous friend to the Mission to be sent out hither in my Stead. If you introduce such a Person to the present Bp of Bangor, or Mr Lewis, I have written to them both, and am sure they will be ready and have Interest enough among the Directors, to get any well Qualifyed Clergyman chosen to be Chaplain here. I hope you have acquainted the Trustees of Christs Chh. Hospital that the deceased Mr Benyon of this place bequeathd 100l. to that ~~place~~ Hospital, which they may demand of Governor Pitt one of his Exectors: For Mr Benyons debts are all paid, and the greatest part of his clear Estate lyes here in Cash, and will be remitted very Speedily to England: but there's enough in Governor Pitts hands already to pay all Legacyes.

I am

Sr

Yr most Obedt Servt

Wm Stevenson

Fort St George
8. Octob. 1716.

NB. Refer'd to the Comee

Mr Hugonin proposed.

Refer'd to the Malabar Comittee

Mr. Hugonin propoſ'd for a Corresponding Member.

Thursday. 9th May. 1717.

5212. Robert Sandilands at Speen Berkſhr 7. May In Anſwer to the Societys Circular Letter. In which the Society acquainted him that 6. of the Sermons preached before the Society for propogating the Gospel in fforeign parts February 1715/6 were left for him at Mr Lightfoots in Water Lane Black ffryers and finding upon Inquiry after them that Mr Lightfoot knows nothing of them he thought proper to inform the Society thereof and that he shall be glad still to receive them.

5213. Geo Millard at Box Wiltſhire 1. May. In anſwer to the Societys Circular Letter Thanking them for the Packet and giving Directions how to send for the future That 6 ~~boys~~ children having been well Inſtructed in the School there viz. four boys and two Girls are diſpos'd off to husbandry and good Services that three other persons each of them upwards of 20. years of Age have been taught to read according to the Method mention'd in his last and both teachers and Learners have receiv'd there Reward of

Sch. 5sh. each that four more are now Learning to read after the same manner one of wch is full forty Years old and has made a conſiderable progreſs therein that the Instructions of these adult persons affords him the greater Satiſfaction since they now conſtantly attend the Church wch before they were very remiſsing and bringing their books wth them read the Pſalms alternately and the responses as the Rubrick directs That the same Number of Children are taught in his parish of Calſton as formerly from whence four where put out last Year to husbandry

The following Paragraphs in the Letter being on things of Moment were Order'd to be Entred Verbatim.

" There is another thing, I have lately Undertaken in my Pariſh
" which, because I find it, in its Conſequences, to be an excellent way
" for the promoting of Christian Knowledge, I suppose may not be
" Unacceptable to the Society, if I lay it before them. Having for some
" Years past, to my sorrow observ'd that the pious Exerciſe of Singing
" Pſalms in the Publick worſhip of God was conſin'd in my own Church
" (as indeed it is in most of our Countrey Churches) only to a few Select
" Persons in the Congregation, and those for the most part plac'd in a
" Gallery by themselves, or some other apartment in the Church,

and

NB. 16. May. 6. Copies of Dean Sherlock's Sermon
were sent this day to Mr. Lightfoot.

Answ. 15. June.

" And all Sitting down during the Performance, whilst the rest of the
" People likewise Sit, and are Silent, & seem no way concern'd in that part of
" Divine Worship; I resolv'd, if poſsible, to redreſs this Grievance in my Parish
" Church: and I bleſs God, I have effectually done it. The method I took for
" it was this: After several Discourses from the Pulpit, ſetting forth the
" neceſsity, uſefulneſs, & Advantage of the Duty, &c: I began on the 6th.
" day of February last to teach all our Charity Children, now at School, to
" sing Psalms by Notes; and I found them so apt to learn, that by Exerciſing
" them only 2. hours in a day, they became perfect in 4. Tunes in little more
" than a Week: Insomuch that on ye 2d. Sunday after, they Sung them in
" the Church, to the Admiration of the whole Congregation then present.
" This Speedy Improvement of theirs in the Art of Singing, made most of
" the Young Men and Maidens, and little Children of the parish, (to the Number
" of 160. and odd) very desirous to be admitted to the same Instructions: And
" to Encourage & aſsist them all therein, I gave to every one of them, a little
" Book for that purpose, pricking down the Tunes for them, and appointing
" them to meet me every Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday at Night in
" the Church; where we usually Sang about an hour & a half: And every
" Sunday in the Afternoon, I appointed 2. or 3. Psalms to be Sung before
" Divine Service began; and the like performance after it was over:
" which practice we ſtill keep up; and the latter I constantly attend, & give
" out ye Psalms my Self. Tis hardly poſsible for me to Expreſs what a fondneſs
" the generality of my people, both old and Young, now have for this Divine
" Ordinance of Singing Psalms, which before was almost laid aſide, or
" however observ'd but by a very few. By this pious Artifice our Church
" is now so fill'd, that we have Scarse Room enough to contain the People
" notwithſtanding we added an Isle that holds more than 100, when we
" rebuilt it, about 4 Years agoe. Tis to the great Joy of my Soul, that by
" this little Labour, and the Bleſsing of God upon it, (whose name only be
" all the Glory) I have brought the greater Number of my Congregation to Joyne
" in the Singing of Psalms; and I doubt not but in a very little time more, the
" whole will have Skill enough to bear a part in this Heavenly Exercise: To
" facilitate which, I oblige them to keep only to a few Tunes, and those the
" Oldest, & most Grave; and I require them to perform it always Standing,
" as the most becoming posture for it, which is now observ'd throughout
" the whole Church, as well by thoſe that do not, as by those that doe Sing.

" About 3. Weeks Since, my Parish Clark, who also teaches the
" Charity Children, was taken ill, and very likely to have Dyed. This made me
" Sollicitous where I should get another to Succeed him; and having no
" one in my Parish so well Qualify'd both for the Clarkſhip, and teaching
" School, as I coud wiſh, I resolv'd to make Application to the Society to get

me one

" Me one that would be able to Undertake both those Employments. He is
" indeed, I bless God, pretty well recover'd of his late Indisposition: but being
" very Ancient (now in the 80th Year of his Age) I cannot think he will be
" able to doe his Duty much Longer, as to either of his Employments, if he
" should live.

" You would extreamly Oblige me Sir, if you would be pleas'd to
" comunicate this matter to the Society; and acquaint me by Letter in a little
" time, whether I can depend upon one for my purpose from London when I
" want him: Mr. Dixon of Bath lately assured me that I might, seeing
" I can secure his place to be worth 20 £ p Annum. But my Church being
" large, and having generally a very full Congregation, it will be-
" requisite as to the Clarkship, that he should have a good Voice, and
" Sufficient Skill in Singing; as to his teaching School, that he be able
" to write a fair hand and cast Account well; and with regard to both,
" that he be a very Sober Man, Strictly conformable to the Church, and
" every way **exemplary** in his Life & Conversation. But I leave these
" matters to the Consideration of the worthy Society; who, I am Satisfy'd
" will recomend no one to me, but what shall be thus Qualify'd.

Thursday 16th May 1717

5214. Mathew Strong at Yeovil Somersetshre 11. May. That having sent to Mr. Hoad at London for. 22. Caps. 22. Shirts & 44. Bands ~~from the Store in Fenchurch Street~~ he has not yet reced them, nor any answer about them. he therefore desires the Society would be pleased to procure them Elsewhere, and send them by Clark the Carrier from Gerrards hall, with a Bill of Charges and it shall be speedily remitted.

5215. John Lloyd at Shrewsbury 13. May. That he had long before acknowledged the receit of the Society's Packet, but waited for something more to Comunicate in relation to the Charity School there, But nothing hath happend on that Account Except an additional Charity towards Cloathing the poor Children, which he hopes will compleat that affair.

5216. John Chamberlayne Esqr at Westmr 14. May. That being about to go for Windsor he desires some Gentleman of the Society would supply his place in the Chair during his absence. That he has returnd Dr Woodward's little tract entituled a Letter of advice & Comfort to ye English Captives who suffer Slavery in foreign parts which he thinks ought not to be published without mending the faults which he himself has Scored in the Margin ~~under~~.

5217. Capt. Thomas Morris at Belbridge near Carlile May 11. That he supposes Mr Walton of Carlile has given the Society an Account what progress has been made about the Charity School there. That there has been a Meeting, and some preliminaryes are Settled and the Subscripcons ~~&c~~ amount to about 24li ꝑ Annum

5218. Noblet Ruddock at Bristol 11. May. That the Packet of Books directed to the Reverend Mr. Maule of Cork in Ireland, wch was Comitted to his Care, he has Shipt on board the princess Capt. Smith Comander, and advised Mr. Maule thereof.

Answ.d 1. June.

Ordered that the Capps &c. desired be sent by Mr. Parker.

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5219 Herbert Pye at Monmouth May 11. That he was in hopes of informing the Society before now of the progress made in the Charity Schools there, but has been prevented by these divisions there, as to the Choice of a Master for Teaching the Boys. That himself and others have recommended one Mr Crofts (who teaches the Gentlemen of the free School to write & Cast Accounts) a Sober Industrious Young man ~~who is~~ qualifyed in all respects to teach the Boys, But some Gentlemen have objected agt. him on account that his parents were Dissenters, and that this has been industriously Suggested to the Lord Windsor & his Bro. who are the founders of the School, and have been so far influenced hereby as to threaten to withdraw their Subscrip: if he be Chose. Notwithstanding, he has assured them that the said Crofts has come constantly to Church, & receid the Sacramt. almost every Month. and that tho it were true (as it is notoriously false) that he was bred a Dissenter, yet he ought to be Encouragd because he's now a thorough Conformist. That all these Arguments have not prevailed but the poor man has been set aside, and one David Jones, Notorious for Drunkenness and Swearing chose by the Subscribers, & he has accepted of the business for 10. pounds p Ann which has given so great a disgust to the generality of ye Town, that they will not put their Children to him.

5220. Herbert Pye at Monmouth May 13th: That he forgot in his last to acquaint the Society that the Dutches of Grafton keeps up the Charity Schools which her Mother ye late Lady Granville founded there for 22. Children. and likewise at Mickletroy for 12. That having Yesterday Endeavord in a Sermon on purpose to Animate his Congregacon in favour of the Schools there was Notice given to the Contributors to meet as this day in the Town hall, but only one person Appeard besides himself, and being of opinion that they may be able to Erect two Schools for 20. Boys and ten Girls & even to Cloath them by Midsumr. day, they recomend it to the Society to publish those Intentions in their next Acco. of Schools as a means to prompt them to go forward in this good Work.

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Answd. 15 June Referd to the Comee.

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5221 Dr. Davies at Heydon in Essex 13. May. In answer to the Societys last. That they are very Welcome to ye 50. of Dr. More's Enchiridion Ethicum paying only for the binding. He desires the following proposal towards easing him of the Charge of Dr. More's works remaining in his hands may be layd before the Society. Viz! That they may have 20. Setts or as many more as they please to settle in publick Librarys for half what they Cost printing and Paper, the Works consisting of.

His Theological Works in fol.
His Philosophical Works in fol.
Enchiridion Ethicum. &
Divine Dialogues. To which may be added.
Dr. Mores Life, to be purchased of Mr Downing.

That if this Proposall be not thought reasonable he offers them at ye rate of a 3d or 4th. part of the Charge of printing and Paper, being desirous that the Copies he has by him may be disposed off to a publick use, and that he hopes the Terms of his first proposal will rather be accepted by the Society considering how great a Benefactor he has been to their designs from their Beginning by him self and others, and that he is above 100li. out of Pocket for this Impression.

5222 Ralph Thoresby at Leeds 8. May. That the Charity School there was opened april 1706. for 40. children now Increased to 100. 20. of ye poorest being wholly maintaind and the rest Cloathd and Taught. That the account of ye Children admitted & put out has not been so regularly kept, as he hopes it may be for ye future but he finds 32. Boys and 15. Girls have been put out to Clothiers

Sch: Weavers, hatmakers, Shoemakers &c. That Samuel Stubs of Holbeck lately deced has bequeathd 50li. to the Charity School there upon the sale of certain Lands at the death of his Wife. That Thomas Parin of Leeds who dyed in March last, has given a peice of Ground of 4. pounds p annum Rent to pious uses, one Moiety to the Lecturer and the other Moiety to the Charity School in that Parish.

Refer'd to the Comee

Thursday 23d May 1717.

5223. J: Walton at Carlile 17. May That with much Satisfacon he can acquaint the Society, that the Charity School intended to be erected there, is in a fair way of Succeeding. That the Subscripcons amount to about 24.ll p ann. upon which Account The following resolucons are taken. That the School be opened on the 24. June, that the Master be allowed 12.ll p ann. & that 10. Boys be taught and Cloathed after ye manner used in London

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5224 Henry Dixon at Bath 20. May to Mr. Shute. That on the first Instant there was a meeting of Schoolmasters who upon their considering how to promote all ye good they could thought it their indespensible Duty to allot some time every day for instructing the children in ye Solid principles of Religion, from the Catechism of ye Church of England, and to make use of the best Exposicons to that purpose. That having come to some other Resolucons for carrying on this design, they afterwards dined together. ~~in remembrance of all their kind Benefactors~~.

5225. John Burrough at Gittisham Devon 17. May. In answer to the Societys Circular Lre. That the Charity School at Honiton is in a thriving State, and tho the Children were but Cloathed in part last year, they are wholly Cloathed this year, That the use of a Register, ~~pursuant to a parag~~ as recomended by the Society he hath taken care shall be duly kept. That he does not hear of any Tendency to Disloyalty, Tumults or Riots, or any disaffeccon to the Government in any of the Teachers or Children of the Charity Schools in those parts. That he Congratulates ye Society upon their Success in propagating the Xtian Faith in ye East-Indies.

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5226. Roger Mitton at Skipton Yorkshire 17. May. In answer to ye Society's Circular Letter thanking them for the packet. That the Subscr to the Charity School there for 20. Girls & stil holds good. That on the 5. Instant he had the pleasure of seeing all ye Girls at church new Cloathed, & hearing them repeat the Catechism

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Answd. 1. June. To desire further Notice of Mr. Brewood's, Legacy, & to what place it is appropriated.

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in which they are very perfect. That he causes them to come to Church every Wednesday and Friday as well as Sundays and Holydays. That on the 11. Instant in the parish of Staidburn dyed one Mr. Jno. Brennand late a Collector of the Excise, who by his last will and Testament has given 80l. a Year to a Free School. 50l. to the head Master who is to be a Priest of the Church of England, and 30l. to the Usher, who is to be a Deacon at least, And 200l. for building such School which is to be finished this Sumer; That in a little time he shall see ye will it self it being to be proved before him, That there are some other Particulars in it relating to the said School, of which the Society shall be informed if they Judge it worth their Notice.

5227. Henry Maule at Corke in Ireland 16. april To Mr. Shute. That the Bearer Mr. Thresher is a great promoter of the Charity Schools at Cork having given them the Intire Cloathing for this year besides his Annual Subscripcon. That there is a Worthy Clergyman of his Acquaintance that understands the Irish Tongue who would be glad of an Irish Comon prayer Book Testamt. & Catechism and if a few Copyes were sent over to him he would take Care to make them Serviceable tho' it is by the Care of ye Natives Children that the Conversion of the Irish Natives may most effectually be promoted. That in order to this, Endeavors are using to have Charity Schools carryed on by a publick fund throughout the Kingdom

5228. Richard Haynes at Oxford 21. May. In answer to the Societys of the 11th. Currant. That the Chamber and Dean & Chapter of Bristol are treating with for a Comodious place for Erecting a Schoolhouse for the Boys and Girls Schools. That Several Years past Mr. Wm. Langthon Rector of Dirham in Glocester
Ack. Left 600l. for 2. Charity Schools one in his own Parish, the other in the Neighboring Parish Doynton for all poor Children, and that Lands have been bought in ye parish of Abson by the Trustees of his Will and Settled to this use The Overplus being directed for the putting forth a poor boy he gives direcons for receiving the 20. Copyes of Mr. Nicols's Περι Ἀρχων &c. which he Subscribed for. That he is Sorry to find within 30. Years past too many of ye Ch. of England running into the absurd passions & rage with which the

See an order upon this, Mins. 6th June.

Romanists and Dissenters stood charged. That tis with great Concern that he
has seen several Pampletts the product of this fruitful Age which he verily
believes had their Birth from the Jesuits, and other Emissaryes of Rome
who write on all sides on purpose to Enflame and Divide us. That there has
been a seonable discovery made of a Conspiracy formd by some of ye Boys
agt Mr. Wilson Mar. of their School whom they designd to have Stabbd wth.
their Penknives. That this Violent Insurreccon being happily discovered, the
Ringleaders were punished and dischargd ye School. That he recomends it to
~~the~~ Society as a point of prudence upon the Expulsion of any Lad to take from him his
Cap and band, that the Lewd and Indecent Behavior of the outcast may not continue
to reflect on the School. That Mr. Wilson having attended the anniversary Meeting of
the Charity Schoolmasters at Bath, ~~where~~ he produced a paper relating to the Qualificacons
of a Master which was well recd.

5229. John Chamberlayne Windsor Bucks 21. May That he hopes to return next Munday at farthest in Order to Attend the Service of the Society at St Dunston's & St Pauls; That having waited on the Provost of Eaton to see if any thing could be don about a Charity School there, He found him very well Dispos'd for it, but being at present deeply Engag'd in Publick & Private Works about the College there is no hopes of his Complying with the Society's Wishes this Year but that when he sets about it he will make amends, And that he dont Question but that he will be Seconded therein by Mr Hill &ca. That he recomends it to ye Society to come to some resolution about the late Motion concerning the Bishops of Chesters Christian Institutes which are going to be reprinted & are as he remembers offers at 16. a peice bound.

Thursday 30th. May. 1717.

NB. Reading of the Letters of this day, was adjourn'd till next Thursday.

Thursday. 6th June. 1717.

5230. Willm Trimnel at Brington Northamptonsh. 4th. June In answer to the Society's second General Letter, That he cannot hope for erecting a Society, as therein propos'd, in his Neighbourhood, the present Bp of Killala having try'd to do it without success. That Packet may be sent to him by Mr Cook Carr.r from ye Ram in Smithfield Thursdays.

5231. J. Diserote at Kensington. 24. May. enclosing an Accot. of the present State of the Schools at Kensington, & desiring that a Legacy of 100. l. left in August last & another of 5 l. may be distinguish'd among ye Benefactions to them in ye next Accot. of Schools for ye Satisfaction of the Executors. Sch.

5232. Rob. Sandilands at Speen Berks. 2. June. to Mr Shute — desiring he would procure from ye Society that he may be favour'd with a Sett of Mr Ostervald's Argumts. & Observations on the Old Testament.

Refered to the Comittee

Answd. 2. July.

NB. To send a Common Packet.

6. June. Orderd that the books he desires be sent to him in his next Packet.

5233. Henry Wright at Oakham Rutlandſh. 29. May tht
Sch. tho' the School there has labour'd under great diffi=cultys the Number of 24. is Still kept up & Cloath'd & Dyeted by an Acceſsion of New Subscribers.

5234. Edwd Welchman at Lapworth Warwickſh. 27th May
That he acquieſces in the alteration propoſed by the Society to be made to the Title of his little Tract entituled a Dialogue between a Protestant Minister and a Romish Preist.

The following Letters being Complements from Foreigners to the Society are enter'd verbatim, from

5235. J. F. Ostervald at Neufchatel in Swiſserland. of
A Translation. 17. Feby 1716/7 Sr You will without doubt think me very slow in acknowledging the Rect. of the packet directed to me by Order of the Society in the Month of May last containing two Copies richly bound of the Arguments and observations upon the Old Testament translated into English; but I did not receive them till long after they were sent even at the end of the last Year and this is the reason that I have not sooner wrote to you.

No one can be more sensible then I am of the kindneſs wch the Illustrious Society has for me and of the frequent & redoubled proofs they give me of their affection and I beg you to present them with the aſsurances of my Acknowledgements and most profound respect and Services to them.

I am Labouring to finish that part of this work wch is upon the New Testament and I will not fail to send it in a short time since Mr Chamberlayne aſsures me it is very much desired.

I recommend my self to Your Esteem and remain wth great respect &c.

Yor most humble & Obedient Servt

J. F. Ostervald.

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A Translation of a Letter from the Revd: Dr. Tribolet, Dean of Neuſchatel.

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5236. As soon as I reced the Magnificent present which the Society has honored our Church with, I did not fail immediately to lay it before them, and to Comunicate the Letter which they did the honour of writing to me. Our Chapter equally affected with the present, to them and the obliging manner, with which it is made reced it with great respect and acknowledgement. They have Charg'd me to Acquaint you with their Sentiments, and to beg you to Comunicate them to the Illustrious Society with their most humble Thanks.

It is a thing very glorious for us that a body so Illustrious and distinguish'd by their Quality and above all by their Zeal and piety consisting of so many Lords and others venerable Members, should vouchsafe to Correspond with us & to give their Approbation to the feeble Efforts that we have made to endeavour to render the publick Service wch. we pay to God in our Churches less defective than it was formerly. This will be a motive & Encouragement to us to double Our Efforts and Cares and to Labour always with more Ardour to Advance the Glory of God & the Edification of his Church, since what we have done is not displeasing to personages of their rare & Excellent merit. I am particularly obliged to you Sr. for the obliging Expressions of your Letter, and Esteem my Self happy by this means the Honour of yo. Acquaintance I beg you always to preserve this kindness for me of which you give me such obliging Assurances. I will Labour on my part diligently to attain the means of preserving it. This I beg you would be perswaded of. and believe that I am with a most profound Regard

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5237. Henry Maule at Cork in Ireland 17. April 1717. That the bearer of this Letter is Mr Threshir who is a great Instrument in promoting
Sch. the Charity School in that City, having Cloathed near 50. Children this Year at his own Expence. That if the Society will be pleased to order him a Packet, Mr. Threshir will Convey it safe to hand.

5238. Henry Maule at Cork in Ireland 18. May In Answr. to the Society's of the 4th. Instant Thanking them for the Packet which has been read with great Earnestness by several Gentl. concerned in promoting the Charity Schools there. The Packets for Messrs. Ram and Richardson are sent away. That the Bp of Cloyne
Sch: has lately Erected in the Town of Cloyn a Charity School for 20. Boys all Cloathed at his own Charge. That in the parish of Mournabby in the same Diocese, where there has been no Church, and but few protestants (til of late) since the Reformacon. They are now by Subscripcon both rebuilding the ancient parish Church, raising a School house for 10. poor Boys Cloathed, and providing a house with Suitable Accomodacons for a Master to live in. That he hopes in a Short time to give the Society a further Account of this Charity, and the great harvest of Irish Children to the Church. That the Bishop of Lincoln's Sermon and Account of Schools was very Acceptable to his Neighbors, particularly those in 8o. which will be of great Service, there being but few things of yt Nature come to hand. That the Trustees of the Charity Schools at Cork are very thankfull for the Notice the Society has taken of the Aged Proselyte from the Church of Rome. The Tracts against Popery shall be faithfully delivered to her as from ye Society. That She still continues stedfast in her Conversion, has been lately confirmed by the Bishop, and recd ye holy Communion on Easter Sunday. That there's a great disposicon at present among the Irish Natives to have their Children taught the Principles of Our Holy Religion. That several have been with him & desired that their little ones may be admitted into ye Charity Schools. That if this method had been used some Years agoe, We should have seen another face of Religion.

Order'd that a large Number of the Sermons in 4º & 8º be sent to Mr. Maule.

5239. Thomas Wells at Toynton Lincolnshire: 25. May. In anſwer to the Society's Circular Letter thanking them for the Packet. That the Charity School at Spilsby at present Consists of 26. Boys and 14. Girls, who were all Cloathed last Xtmas by Subscription and belong to Spilsby, Toynton, Halton & Hundleby. That a Noble Family in ye Neighborhood has Subſcribed 25£ p ann and 20li has been given to ye School by an unknown hand, wch is put out to Intereſt, of which if some Notice could be taken in print, 'twould be of some Satisfacon to ye Donor.

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5240. Henry Darby at Stowmarket Suffolk 30. March In anſwer to the Society's first General Letter, and to make an Apology for the Delay of his Anſwer. That about Midſumer 1715. a School was opened in his Parish for 20. Boys Cloathd. That Mr. Blackerby is a Liberal Subſcriber to ye School & will give a more Particular Account of it. That Richard Bockenham Esqr. of Westonmarket in that County who unasked & unknown made an Offer of an Annual Subſcripcon of 10. Guineas wch first gave Life to the School, which has now near 60li p ann besides Casual Gifts. That the same Person is now raising a School at Eye in Suffolk, and another at Windham in Norfolk, as he has done 1. at St. Edmonds Bury. So that he yearly puts out 40. Guineas to Intereſt in theſe Charitys

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5241. Richard Peers at Farringdon Berks: 2. June. That his new School is so far Advanced, that he intends to open it on Midſumer day, That the Subſcripcons are somewhat above 30li p ann and a worthy Master is chose who undertakes to teach any No. of Boys not exceeding 25. for 20£ p ann and the Remainder is intended to be layd out in Cloathing the Boys as far as it will goe. He desires the following Books may be sent to him to be paid for. Viz:

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20. Dyche's Spelling Books, or such others as are approved of by the Society.

100. Lewis's Catechisms, 25. of which to be bound

And sent by Edward Leader the Farringdon Carryer, from ye Whitehorse in Friday Street Thursday Morn

Answd 29. June. . A 2d General Letter

Answd 29. June. Orderd that the Books he desires be sent
The Packet sent by Mr Downing

Thursday ye 13th June 1717.

5242. Wm Dingley from Bedford Street London June 11th. In answer to the Societys 1st Genl Letter, That retiring as much as possible from the World, and conversing with the Dead more than the Living, he intreats he may not be thought wanting in a due Esteem for a Work the Society is Engaged in, or Cold and remiss in promoting Xtian Knowledge according to the ability God has vouchsafed, tho his Circumstances and manner of Life will not allow him to Close with their Invitacon.

5243. Tho: Frampton at Broadhinton Wilts 8. June. In answer to ye Societys first General Letter, That he hopes he shall never be wanting in prosecuting their designs which have such a manifest Tendency to the honor of God and the good of Souls. Sch: That by the assistance of a Neighboring Gent he has been Enabled to Set up a School for 16. Poor Children, and has a prospect of having it perpetuated by a Charity of 2. or 300£ to be disposed of for that purpose. That since the Society are pleased to disperse some usefull Tracts, he hopes he shall not be forgotten.

5244 Saml Knight at Chippenham Cambridgesh: 11. June. That Mr Afflects School at Dalham in Suffolk is brought to Perfecon by teaching and Cloathing all the Children of that ~~School~~ Town, notwithstanding his Charity has met with one Sch. Peice of Spight from an ill man who denyed the poor people at their Parish Meeting any of their Weekly Allowance unless they would take their Children from School, under Pretence that ye Children going to School Occasioned their Poverty.

5245. Robt Watts at Great Gidding Huntingdonsh: 8. June. That being to Preach at Oxford before the University next Sunday he desires the Society would favor him with a small packet of their Books to be distributed there and on his return home as there shal be Occasion consisting of Sermons and Account of Schools, a Letter from a Residing to a Corresponding Member, Propals for printing the

Answ.d 29. June. - Ordered a Comon packet
The Packet is sent.

Answ.d ye 13th June

Answ.d ye 13th June. Ordered that the Books and papers he desires be sent by ye next Coach

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5246. Roger Mitton at Skipton in Yorkshire 7. June. In answer to the Societys of the 1st Instant. That Mr. Brennand's Will was proved before him the 27. May, wherein he has given 50ll. a Year to a head Mar who is to be in Priest Orders according to the Church of England, and 30ll. a Year to the Usher who is to be in Deacons Orders at least. That the School is to be built as near as it Conveniently can be to Slaidburn Church in the Deanary of Craven, and is to be Free for all that great Parish which very much wanted a School. That he has by his Will provided that Mr. Wm Geldard his Executor shall forfeit the sum of 200ll. ~~if the S~~ to Mr. Henry & Wm Wigglesworth of Slaidburn if the School is not built in one Year after his decease; but the Exror to whom is left more than 10,000ll. is very Zealous in Executing this Trust having already Purchast a peice of Land near the Church and is preparing Materials for the Building which will be Magnificent.

5247. Nath: Boughton at Plymouth 7. June. That an Ancient Clergyman who has been long a Member of ye Society & being now disabled from the Dutys of his Function thrô Age and Infirmityes, ~~and~~ but willing to do what Good he can whilst he lives, has desired him to Signify that Observing there is no Sett Discourse in Mr Downing's Catalogue against the reigning Sin of Lying, and having a plain one by him on that Subject, he is willing to Send it up to the Society to be publish'd or Suppress'd, as they shall think most for the Interest of Religion, & the Glory of God, the Author (who desires to be Unknown) being ready if it be printed to take off any No. to dispose of by himself & friends.

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Answ^{d}. 20. June: . To let him know the Society have a discourſe on the Subject he mentions, but that it will be acceptable if the Author ~~he mentions~~ pleaſes to send up his MSS.

Thursday 20th June 1717.

5248. Francis Fox at Potterne Wilts 15. June. In Answer to the Society's desiring him to draw up some proposals to be Comunicated to their Correspondents for promoting an Essay to add work to the Learning of the Charity Children. That he had sent up such a Proposal, and Submitts it to their Correcon, being well assured that nothing is more wanted to Increase the Number of these Schools and to make those already set up to Answer the good ends proposed by them, than the adding work to the Childrens Learning. That if the Society would recomend this matter to the Care of Mr. Gardner and Mr Skeat to make some Attempt of this kind in or near London particularly in Spittlefields, such an Example might be a good Step towards bringing it into the Country. He desires the Society's Correspondent at or near Sunderland in the County of Durham may be informed, that he Collected on a brief above a year ago Seven shillings & 11d. for building a New Church there wch he should be glad to return thither by the Societys Packet or any other way

The Proposals were orderd to be Enterd Verbatim and are as follows.

1. That some work be done in the Charity Schools.

2. That the parents of the Children have what they can earn for their Childrens Maintenance; which will remove the Objecon that many make, especially in the Country, who say they cannot Spare their Children to go to School.

3. That this Work be such as the Trustees shall Judge most Advantageous or it may be the Comon Manufacture of the Country. The Spinning of Wool or Flax is the Manufacture of many places, which will allow of the Childrens being taught to read, write &c. at School.

That

Refer'd to the Comittee.

NB. Sr Geo: Wheler offers to take care of the Collecon for Sunderland.

4. That the Children in any School be divided into Classes, and that one part of them are constantly at School, while the rest are at Work.

5. That the Children learn to read &c. for an hour or thereabouts in the forenoon and as long in the afternoon; in which time they may be as well Instructed, if taught in a proper method, as if they did not work at all.

6. That if the Work be Spinning, the Parents procure work for their Children to do at School of such persons, and at such places as they would doe, did their Children work at home, and not go to School at all. By this method a whole School may be employed without any or very little Stock, and the difficulty of finding faithful Managers effectually removed.

7 That a Person be Employed to see that the Children follow their Work when they are at it, and to take Care that they do it well.

8. That it be a Qualificacon for such as are admitted into the School, that their Parents have begun to teach them to Spin, if that be the work that is done in the School.

9. That Wheels be provided by the Trustees, and that a Penny or half penny a Week, as they shall think fit, be abated out of each Childs work, til the Wheel is paid for, and when the Child leaves the School, he may take his Wheel with him.

10 In small Parishes where the Children are few, they may work in ye School. In large Parishes, if the School is not big enough, or if there is no room in the house, some barn or other Convenient place, as near the School as it can conveniently, may be hired for the Children to work in.

11. That for such Boys as are Employed in keeping Sheep or other Husbandry work, that the Schoolmaster be at the School for an hour or thereabouts every evening, when their work is done, and that he for his refreshment be Excused from attending the School as long a time in the usual hours of teaching as the Trustees shall think fit. By this means many apprentices and grown People, who were neglected in their Youth may be taught to read.

12. Whereas many of the poor people are apt to Clamour, even when

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their Children receive only moderate and neceſsary Correcōn, which is sometime prejudicial to the School and Maſter, it is proposed that an Account be kept of the Faults of the Children by the Maſter, and that the Minister, Church Wardens and some of the Chief of the Parish be desired to go once or oftner in a Week to the School to hear and Judge of the Complaints, and see that thoſe who have offended have such Correcōn as may be effectual to prevent the like Faults for the future

13. That the Parish Officers be desired to Encourage such poor people as are diligent and carefull in sending their Children to School and keeping them at Work, by releiving them, even before they aſk, if they find that by Sickneſs or otherwiſe they want, and that they frown upon thoſe who are Negligent.

It might easily be proved that there is hardly a Child of 7. Years old, but might get 2d. a day, besides its Learning, which would amount to at least 50s. a Year. Whereas upon Examinacōn it would be I fear, found that the Children of that age hardly get any thing; and in Poor Familyes where one or two such Children are, what a mighty help would it be towards bringing them up? Thoſe a Year or two Older might earn considerably more. What a mighty relief would this be to Parishes, where there are great Numbers of Poor, which in some places are so Encreased within theſe 30. Years, that the rates are treble as much as they were? No People are such ill Managers of what they have as the Poor, nor are any more at a Loſs how to Employ their Families so as to keep themſelves from miserable Poverty than they, which all will find whom Christian Charity Engages to Endeavor their releif.

But this is not all, for the Children of the Poor would be virtuously brought up, they would be inured to Labour and Industry and so fit for Servants; Whereas in the manner they are at present Educated, in most Country places especially, very few will ~~or~~ indeed can take them for Servants.

If Poor Children were Instructed, it would prepare them to receive benefit by the publick Instruccōns of their respective Ministers, which are now I fear wholly lost upon them, at least in a great Meaſure; which will evidently appear to all, who will be at the Pains to discourſe with, or put Questions to poor People, as they shall accidentally meet with them. Not to say that there are great Numbers of People who don't go to any place of publick Worship at all. One reason of this is, becauſe they are not traind up in their Youth, and that is Neglected, becauſe poor People say, they cannot spare poor Children from Working, but this might be remedyed at least in all Places where there are Charity Schools, if the Children were ſet to Work. /

5249. Dr Davies at Heydon, in Essex 17. June To Mr Cholmondly. Signifying that he has Ordered 50. of Dr More's Enchiridion Ethicum in Sheets for the Society. That he should be glad to hear what they have done upon his fair Proposal for 20. Setts more to be placed in Parochial Librarys.

5250. Daniel Somerscales at Dodington in Kent 7. June. In answer to the Society's Letter enquiring the state of the Charity School at Sittingborn. That some of the Benefactors finding the Parish cold in Promoting that Charity, withdrew their Subscripcons for some time in hopes to quicken ye rest but finding that, not to answer their expectacon are purposed however not to let their own Charity sink, tho' the School will be considerably less by that means. That as soon as he can Comunicate a more ꝑticular account, it shall be sent to the Society.

N.B. The Abstracts of Letters receiv'd
are continued in this
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Letter sent to Mr Cholmondly.

Abstracts of Letters
wrote to Correspondents &c.a begun Anno 1716.

4814. Mr. John Dalton Minister of Whitehaven 26. June. The first General Letter

4815 James Lowther Esqr. at Whitehaven ye 28th Enclosing Mr. Daltons Lre and sending him the News &c.a

4816. Mr. Wm. Yate at Westbury near Glocester, The Kings Speech the 26. Currant &c.

June 30th

4817. Monsr. Dumont at Leipsick—vid. Special Lre Book

4818 Mr. R. Lloyd at Yarpoll Herefordsh. In answer to his of ye 12 & 15th of May accompanying Mr. Downings Answer that he can't print his verses without the stamps which will make them come too dear to him, but that if Mr. Lloyd would have them printed he'l print 500 for 30s.

4819 Mr. John Walton at Carlile. That the Books desired by his Lre No. 4808. were sent to Mr. Taylors in Pater Noster Rowe.

July 3d

4820 Mr. Skeate Enclosing Mr. Woodwards Lre from Guilford — recomending Hannah Roberts for a Mistress to a Ch: Sch:

4821. Mr Hildrop at Marlborough That a packet was ordered to be sent to him Carriage paid for Mr Brosier according to his desire in his Letter No 4833.

4822. Mr Chamberlayne Enclosing a Copy of Mr D'Ners last Lettr about Erecting a School at Eaton, and sending therewith a Subscription Roll..

July 5. 1716.

4823 — Dr La Croze at Old Windsor to desire him to Joyn with Mr Chamberlayne and Mr D'Ners in Soliciting Subscrs to the Roll for a School at Eaton.

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4824. Mr Chamberlayne In Answer to his desiring a List of ye Trears of the Charity Schools

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4825 Mr Jennings at Harefield Middx desiring to know the name of the Master of Ewerton School whom he recomended for a Corresponding Member.

4826 Mr Mayo at St Thomas's Hospital desiring him to prepare a Collect for the Royal Family.

4827. Mr Shute at London house Enclosing the Collect prepared for the use of the Society

14th.

4828. Mr Whitingham at Boston desiring to speak to Mr Bertie about his Chambers for the Society as pr Wast Book.

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4829. James Lowther Esqr at Whitehaven In answr to his of ye 6th Currt Enclosing a lre to Mr Dalton.

4830. John Dalton Minr at Whitehaven Cumberld a 2d Genl Letter

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4831. Robt Hill at Rowell near Kettering Northamptonsh: a first Genl Lre and in answer to his of the 2d June.

4832. John Chamberlayne Esqr at Windsor, That a packet of a Doz: marble Coverd and Six plain Sermons were sent him

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4833 Mr Cotton at Etwall Derbysh. In answr to his with a Bill of 10li and a Guinea from his Mother at Litchfd accompanying 3. of the Bp of Lincolns Sermons sent by his Servt from the George Inn in Holborn.

July 30th. 1716.

4834 Mr Chamberlayne at Windsor In Answr. to his last

4835 Mr. John Tatam ye 1. Augt. at Sutton on the hill Derbyshire In answer to his of the 28. May last Vid. Wast Book.

August 2d.

4836 Mr Cotton at Etwall Derbysh: To Acquaint him with the Substance of the Letter of the 24. July fearing that miscarrd. ~~sending~~ being sent it by a Porter who returnd not back.

4837. Mr James Chew at Rodborough Glocestersh: The Societys first General Letter And in answer to his of the 30th. June last.

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4838 Mr. Wm Hopkins at Lantrythyd Glamorgansh: In answer to his That the packet was sent him by the Monmo: Carrier. –

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4839. Sr. Richard Steele Enclosing the methods for Erecting Ch: Schools

4840. Mr. A D. Tenison Enclosing ye methods for Erecting Ch: Schools

4841. Mr. Shute at Bristol, desiring the Account of the Subscripcons to Mr. Nicholls's Book

14th.

4842. Mr George Doughty at Martlesham near Ipsw: Suffolk In answer to his of the 30. July desiring him to Signify Mr. Drake's Consent to be a Corresponding Member more Explicitly.

4843. Mr Hildrop at Marlborough Wiltsh: In answer to his of the 30. July To Acquaint him that Mr. Brosiers Packett was sent 28. June by Brathwayte from ye Rose at Holborn Bridge.

16th.

4844 Mr Chamberlayne at Windsor about the Subscr Roll for Eaton Sch:

4845 Dr. Pelling at Windsor. desiring him to Joyn with Mr Chamb: and Mr D'Ners at Eaton in Soliciting Subscrs to the Roll for Eaton Charity School.

18. August 1716.

4846. Mr. Chamberlayne at Windsor with Mr. Meyricks Letter.

4847. Mr. Wm Reyner Minister and Schoolmaster of the Freeschool at Tiverton in Devon. The first General Lre.

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4848. Mr. Shute at Bristoll To acquaint him that the houses in Gloc: Court were now all Tenanted and the Great Shed vacant if he had a mind to fill it with Coals for the poor agt Winter now was the time.

23d.

4849 Mr. Turner at Stamford To thank him for his Benefaction of 6Gn. to the Malabar Mission by ye hands of Mr. Edwards.

4850. John Chamberlayne Esqr. at Windsor In Answr to his last of the 21st which is refer'd to the Comittee and to give him an Account of the proceedings of the Society.

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4851. John Chamberlayne Esqr. at Windsor To acqt. him further of the affairs of ye Society.

4852. Wm Piers Esqr. near Northampton To acquaint him about the Affairs of the Society

4853. Tho: Greene Esqr. at Weston near Northampton, To acqt. him with ye affairs of the Society. Sent under cover to Mr. Piers.

28th

4854. Mr. Wm Hopkins at Lantrythyde Glamorgansh. In answer to his last that the 2s. was rec'd of Mr. Lloyd of Ormd. Street

4855. Dr. Foulkes at Exon In Answer to his of the 23d. July.

4856. Councell Glyde at Exon To desire an Account of ye Misbehavior of the Masters and Mistresses of the Charity Schools in his parts particularly of one said to be a papist.

Septr 1st.

4857. Caleb Parfect at Faringdon in Berksh: In answer to his last of the 14th That a packet was Yesterday sent him consisting of such Books as were in the Society's Store. —

4858. Mr Shute at Bristol the 1. September To acquaint him about the affairs of the Society

4859. Mr Chamberlayne at Petty France ye 1. Sept. In answer to his of the 21. August from Windsor.

4860 Edward Jennings Esqr. at Harefield in Hertfordsh. ye 4th. Septemb. Enclosing a flying post of the 18. August about Thomas Best and desiring him to lay it before the Trustees of the Charity Schools at their next Meeting

4861. Mr Green at Weston Favel in Northtonsh. ye 8. Sept. about the affairs of the society and in answer to his last

4862 Mr. Yate at Westbury Glocestershire ye 11th. Sept. In answer to his last, and covering to him the printed account of ye Nonjuring chh

4863 Mr Greene Esqr. at Weston Favel Northamptonshire ye 11 Sept. — Enclosing the Flying post and St. James's Evening Post of this day about the Nonjuring chh and about ye Societys affairs.

4864 John Disney Esqr. 13th. at Lincoln — Enclosing an account of the Expence and method of Education of a youth at Glaucha. by Mr Hastings

4865 Mr. Tatam at Sutton on the hill in Derbyshire — In answer to his about waiting on the Arch Bp. of Canterbury. —

4866 Bp Bristol } at Bath the 15th. about a Parochial Library
4867. Mr Hoare } for the Rev. Mr. Jones bound to Virginia —

4868 Lord Bp of Carlile at Rose Castle Cumberland ye 18th. Desiring his Lordships Intrest with the Duke of Portland for Granting to leave to Inclose a Comon for ye Support of a Charity Schoolmaster at Belbridge near Carlile

4869. Capt. Thomas Morris at Carlile ye 18. In answd. to his last of ye 13. Aug: about Incloseing a Comon by ye D. of Portlands Permission

4870. James Lowther Esqr. at Whitehaven Cumberland ye 18th. Sept. That I could not yet write to Mr. Dalton for want of some books in the Press to compleat ye Packet designed for him.

4871. Chancelor Lloyd at Hartlebury Castle Worcestersh. 22. 7ber 1716.
Answr. to his of ye 3. Curt. No. 4895.

4872. Mr. Squire at Deal in Kent Septr. 25. In Answer to his last And
that a packet was sent him.

4873. Mr. White at Neyland in Suffolk That 6. Bibles were sent him.

4874. Mr. Warren of Boxford in Suffolk——— } 29 Septr. 1716
4875 Mr Richard Drake Minr. of Great Oakly Suffolk } 1st Genl. Letter
4876. Mr Wm Robinson Minr. of Haverhill Suffolk }

4877 Rowland Cotton Esqr. at Etwall Derbyshire 2. Oct: Enclosing four
Receipts for his 10. pound Subscr. money for a Year

4878. Mr. Chamberlayne at Richmond 4th That a packet was Order'd by ye Society
of such Books as he desired and an Acct. of ye proceedings
at St. Dunstan's Questhouse by the Trustees of the Charity
Schools at a General Meeting relating to ye disaffected Mrs:

4879. Ralph Thoresby Esqr. at Leeds ye 6th. Enclosing the Orders lately
Published by the Society for regulating Charity Schools

4880. Morgan Evans at Weobly Herefordshire 9th. In answer to his
of 21. September desiring him to remit his Collecon of
Benefacons to ye M. Mission to Mr. Hoare.

4881. Rowland Cotton Esqr. at Etwall Derbyshire That a packet
was sent to him by Order of the Society.

4882. Mr. Briercliffe Chaplain at Bengall Vid Speciall Letter
Book in Answer to his of December 1716.

4883. Wm Hopkins of Lantrythide Glamorgansh: 13. Octob: That his
Packet of Books paid for was sent by John ~~Hopkins~~ Watkins Carryer
28. July last and was left at ye Warehouse in Monmouth

4884. Mr. Brudenel at Exon the 18. October 1716. In answer to his last vide Wast Lre Book

4885. Mr. Hildrop at Marlborough 18th. ditto In answer to his last as ℘ Wast Letter Book

4886 James Lowther Esqr. at Whitehaven ye 20th. In answer to his last

4887. John Dalton Minr. at ditto ye 20th. In answer to his last And that a packet was sent to him.

4888. Dr. Bray at Sheldon Warwick shire Octob 20th.

4889 Mr. King at Exon in Devon 20th. October That his Packet for this Year was sent a fortnight agoe.

4890. Mr. Stevenson at Fort St. George 16. Octob
4891. Wm. Jennings Esqr. at Ditto - 16th. October
4892. Messrs. Ziegenbalg & Grundler at Tranquebar 16. Oct.
4893 Mr. Stevenson at ffort St. George 19. October
4894 Mr. Briercliffe at Bengall 19. October
} Vid Wast Book

4895 The Govr. & Council at Fort St. George October Vid
4896 Mr. Legg at Ditto October } Enclosing Copys of their
4897. Govr. Collet at Bencoulen October } last Letters

4898. Mr. A. Deacon Walls in Queen Street Dublin 30. Octobr. a first General Letter.

4899 Mr. A Deacon Frank at Cranfield Bedfordsh 30. October.

4900. Mr. Desprost at Kensington 31. Oct. a first Genl. Lre.

4901. Dr. Bray at Sheldon Warwicksh: 3. November to acquaint him what was done at ye last Meeting of the Trustees &c.

4902. Mr. Harvey at Weston under Penyard Herefordshire 3 Nov: In Anſwer to his last Viz: Waſt Book

4903. Mr Robert Payne Minr. of Saltwood in Kent 3. November a firſt General Lre.

4904. James Lowther Esqr at Whitehaven Cumberland 6. Novr. In Anſwer to his last, and Acquainting him of ye Reſolution of the Trustees last meeting as alſo Enclosing ye Accot. of Yesterday

4905. Brigadr. Stearne at Dungannon in Ireland Novr 6. To Acquaint him of ye Proceedings of the Society, and that they are glad to find there is a Society set up in Dublin for promo: Ch: Schools

4906. Dr. Bray at Sheldon Warwicksh: 10. November In anſwr. to his last.

4907. Dr Waddington at Coleman Street
4908. Mr Hayley in East Street
4909. Mr. Mayo at Southwark —
12th: Novr. Desiring them to wait on ye Dean of St. Pauls with ye Thanks of ye Society for his favor in admitting ye Society to meet weekly in Pauls Chapter houſe.

4910. Mr Morgan Evans at Weobly Heref:
4911. Dr. Apperley at Hereford
4912. Mr Hinton at Newbury Berks
4913. Mr. Ollyffe at Dunton Bucks
4914. Mr Wm Harriſon at Stanton Glocsh:
4915. Mr Lightfoot at Ampthill Bedfordsh:
13. Novr. Circular Lres & in Anſwer to their laſt.

4916. Mr Richard Drake at Great Oakley in Eſſex 13. Nov: a 2d. Genl. Lre.

4917. Mr. Saml. Knight at Chippenham Cambridgesh:
4918. Mr. Thom: Bacon at Reading Berksh:
4919. Mr. Caleb Parfect at Longcot Berksh —
Circul. Lres & in anſwr. to their last 17. Novr.

4920. George Stevens at Shrivenham Berks
4921. Daniel ~~De~~ Sturmy at East Hatly Cambr
4922 Luke do Beaulieu at Whitchurch
4923 Richard Peers at Farringdon
4924 Dr. La Croze at old Windsor
Berks
4925. Ely Stansfield at Newark Nottinghamsh:
4926 Robert Rogers at Dedham Essex
4927 Mr. Jo: ~~H~~ Tolland at Denton Lincolnsh:
4928. Mr Harrison at Stoke Edith Herefordsh:

17. Novr. 1716
Circul Lres
&
in Answer to their last.

4929. Dr. Bray at Sheldon Warwicksh: 17 Novr. In answr. to his last

4930 Dr. Wroe at Manchester Lancashire
4931 Daniel Wallows at Hertford
4932 John Cowper at Great Bradley Suffolk
4933 Capell Berrow at Northill Bedfordsh:
4934 Abram Morse at Newent
4935. Tho: Lane at Newland
Glocrsh:
4936. Samuel Carte at Leicester
4937. J. Bringhurst at Ely
4938 Jos: Grave at Lewes Sussex
4939 Wm. Johns at Stroud Glocrshire
4940. Lewis Thomas at Oxon
4941 Cha: Bean at Barham Kent
4942 J: D Wells at Prestbury Glocrshire
4943 W. Gregory at Wooton Undridge Glocrsh:

20. Novr. 1716
Circular Letters and in Answer to their last.

4944 James Lowther Esqr. at Whitehaven Cumberland 20 Novr.

4945. Benj: Bewicke at Barrow Leicestersh:
4946 Anth: Addison at abingdon Berksh:
4947. John abel at Stilton Huntingdonshire
4948. Geo: Barnsley at Selcomb in Sussex

24. Novr.
Circul: Lres and in answr. to their last.

4949. Jos: Sackette at Folkestone Kent
4950. Tho: Thornicraft at Woborn Bedfordsh
4951. Dr. Herne at Norwich
4952 Gilb: White at Selborn Hampshire
4953 Ja: Fenton at Lancaster
4954 Dr. Thackham at Cambridge

24. Novr. 1716 Circular Lres & in Answr. to their last

4955 Dr. Bray at Sheldon near Coleshill Warwicksh. 24. Novr. with an acco.t of the occurrences last week.

4956 Jo: Hildrop at Marlborough Wiltsh:
4957 A: D. Frank at Cranfield Bedfordsh:
4958 Henry Downes at Brington Northamptonsh
4959 Noah Neale at Stamford Lincolnsh:
4960 Jo: Dalton at Whitehaven Cumberland
4961 Ja: Cooke at Barlborough Derbyshire
4962 Mau: Wheeler at Warpenham Northtonsh:
4963 Ro: Sandilands at Speen Berksh:
4964 Jo: Walton at Carlile

27th Novr. Circul.d Lres and in answr. to their last.

4965 Mr Robinson at Haverhill Suffolk 1. xber a ~~first~~ second Genl Lettr.
4966 Mr Hill at Stanhow in Norfolk 1. xber a first ditto

4967 Mr Rich: King at Exon
4968 Wm Reyner at Tiverton Devon
4969 Dr. Chandler at Worcester
4970 John Haynes at Catistoke Dorsetsh:
4971 John Wright at Eastbourn Sussex
4972 Jo: James at Rickmersworth Hertfordsh.
4973 Robt. Cook at Whitenham Oxfordsh:

1. xber Circul.d Lres and in answd. to their last.

4974 Arthur Bedford at Newton St. Loe Som.
4975 Nathanl. Boughton at Launceston Cornwall
4976 Jos. Margetts at Kempston Bedfordshire
4977 Gilbert John at plymouth
4978 Robt. Watts at Great Gidding huntingdonsh:
4979 J. Lewis at Margate Kent

4. xber Circul.d Lres and in answr. to their last

4980 Mr. Payne at Saltwood in Kent. 4. xber: A 2d General Letter.

4981 James Lowther Esqr. at Whitehaven Cumberland 6. xber.

4982 Ralph Thoresby Esqr. at Leeds —
4983 Dr. Saunders at Blockley Worcsh

8. xber. Circul. Letters and in Answr. to their last.

4984 Dr. Bray at Sheldon Warwickshire 8. xber To acqt. him about ye affairs of the Society.

4985 Mr. Adamson at Burton Lincolnsh:
4986 Dr. Davies at Heydon in Essex.
4987 John Reynell at Horsham in Sussex
4988 John White at Neyland in Suffolk
4989 Alexr. Leith at Bedford.
4990 Wm. Turner at Stamford Lincolnsh:
4991 John Gibb at Bristol.
4992 Humphrey Jorden at Glasbury Brecknocksh:
4993 Richard Haynes at Bristol.
4994 Dr. Hallifax at Old Swinford Worcsh:
4995 Wm. Brockman at Beachborough Kent
4996 Aaron Wood at Kings Norton Northtonsh:
4997 Sr. Nicholas Pelham at Bromhall Sussex
4998 Mr. Price at Whitfield Northamptonsh:
4999 Tho: Peirce at Lewes in Sussex
5000 Richard Mayo at Witresham Kent
5001 Wm. Hopkins at Lantrythide Glamorg:

11. xber

Circul. Lres & in answr. to their last.

5002 Mr. Postlethwayte at St. Pauls School
5003 Mr. Patrick Robertson at Berwick
5004 Ro: Daubrie at Wolverhampton Staffordsh:
5005 Herbert Pye at Monmouth
5006 Peter Osborne at Stoke Gabriel Devon
5007 Henry Wright at Oakham Rutlandsh:
5008 Rob: Hardwick at Eresby Lincolnsh:
5009 Jo: Burrough at Gittisham Devon.
5010 Fred Fox at Potterne Wiltsh:
5011 Ja. Mathews at Tewxsbury Glocsh:
5012 Ja. Morris at Loddington Leicestersh:
5013 Ja. Harris at Lantrissent Glamorgansh:

15th.

Circul. Letters and in answr. to their last.

5014 Mr Somerskell at Doddington Kent
5015 John Hughes at Kilmersdon Som.
5016 A: Deacon Wilson at Morley Nottinghamsh: with thanks for his Benefacon of 40. Shillgs

18. xber 1716 Circul Lres & in Answer to their last

5017 Richard Knight at Deale in Kent to Enquire after the Malabar Grammars, by what Ship sent last Spring, or if not gone to send them now.

5018 John Tatum at Sutton on the Hill Derbysh
5019 Barthol. Beale near Ludlow Shropshire
5020 Capt Morris near Carlile
5021 Mr mathews at Whalley near Lancaster
5022 Rowld Cotton Esqr at Etwal near Derby

22. December Circul Letters & in answr to their last.

5023 Tho: Burnet at Westkington Wiltshire
5024 Wm Ayerst at Great Birch in Essex
5025 Bohum Fox at Melkesham Wiltsh:
5026 John Ellis at Gonaldston Nottinghamsh:
5027 John Troughton at Grantham Lincolnsh.
5028 John Portman at Madresfield Worsh:
5029 Tho: Collins at Swanzy Glamorgansh:
5030 Jonathan Hooker at Sandy Cambridgesh.
5031 Mich: Woodward at Guilford Surrey
5032 Wm Cary at Bristoll
5033 Sam: Shaw at Warrington Lancash:
5034 John Hodges at Stow on ye Wold Glocestersh:

29. Decr Circul Lres & in answer to their last.

5035 Henry Penton at Andover Hampshire
5036 Edward Sawyer at Mayfield Sussex
5037 Robert Beaumont at Wilnesham Suffolk
5038 Jo: Bradley at York

1. Janry 1716 Circul Letters and in Answer to yr Last

5039 Arthur Bedford at Bristol Somersetsh: 1. Janry That Mr Hales will do what he can in relation to what he desires of presenting his 3. Sermons to the King. Prince, & Princess.

5040 Dr. Saunders at Blockley Worcestersh. 3. Janry 1716/7. To thank him for his Benefacon of 25li & to acqt him that ye other 20. was sent to Mr. Downing according to his order.

5041 Richard Whittingham at Boston Lincolnsh:
5042 Jos: Acres at Blewbury Berkshire
5043 John Allen at Loughborough Leicestershire
5044 Wm Baker at Layham in Suffolk
5045 Francis Bragg at Hitchin Hartfordsh:
5046 Geo: Bowes at Durham
5047 Samuel Blackwell near Harboro Leicestersh:
5048 Joseph Buckenham near Ipswich Suffolk
5049 John Blomfield at Little Stonham Suffolk
5050 Thomas Bishop at Ipswich
5051 Richard Bithell at Owsden Suffolk
5052 Joseph Bingham at Hedborn Hampsh:
5053 Mr Braddock at Canterbury
5054 A Deacon Bouchier at Chichester
5055 Samuel Berdmore at Nottingham
5056 Tho: Blennerhayset at Patching Sussex
5057 Marshall Bridges Cannon of Wells
5058 Michael Bull at Brasterd Kent
5059 Tho: Bate at Calke Leicestershire
5060 Tho: Tilson at Ailesford in Kent

5. January Circular Letters.

5061 William Bennet at Salop
5062 L. Tho. Aldersey at Spurstow Cheshire
5063 Sr Gri: Boynton at Burton Yorkshire
5064 Mr George Burghope at Burton Yorksh:
5065 George Davies Esqr at Beverly Yorksh:
5066 Thomas Mease at Beverley
5067 Patrick Dixon Vicar at Doncaster Yorksh

8. Janry Circul Lres.

1716/7

5068 Kindard Delabere Esqr. at Southam Glocrsh
5069 Anthony Brudenell Esqr. at Exon
5070 Francis Boynton Esqr. at Beverly Yorksh
5071 Wm. Colbron at Brighthelmstone Sussex
5072 Solomon pages at Farnboro Somersetsh:
5073 Tho: Seaton at Burleigh Rutlandsh:

Janry ye 8th.
Circul Lres

5074 Anthony Biddulph Esqr. at Ledbury Herefordsh:
5075 Robert Hill at Stanhoe in Norfolk ——

10th.
Circul. Lres & thanks
them for their respve
Benefacons

5076 James Cranston at Hastings Sussex
5077 Wm. Curtis at Harwich in Essex
5078 Wm. Greenwood at Warwick
5079 Jonathan Colemore at Babcary Som:
5080 Richd. Codrington at Dodington Glocr.sh:
5081 Tho: Clement at Bath
5082 Jo: Catlyne at Kerry Montgomerysh:

12th.
Circul Letters.

5083 Mr. Cleveland near Birmingham Warwicksh:
5084 Mr. Conant at Lytchet. Dorsetshire
5085 Mr. Creed at Buckland Monachorum near Plimo.
5086 John Cocks Esqr. at Glocester
5087 Dean Chetwood at Tomesford Bedfordshire
5088 Dr. Colbatch at Cambridge
5089 Mr. Drake at Exeter
5090 Dr. Dobson at Cliddesden Hampshire
5091 Jo Evans at Uffington Lincolnsh.
5092 Mr. D'Estray at N. Romney Kent.
5093 Law: Echard at Louth Leicestershire
5094 Dr. Ellison at Newcastle upon Tine ——

15th. Janry
Circul Lres

5095. Wm. Greenwood at Newport Shropsh: 19. Janry 1. Genl. Letr.

5096 Mathew Heynes at Wasperton near Warwick
5097 John Disney Esqr. at Lincoln. - - - - -

22d. Janry
Circul. Lres.

1716/7

5098 Sr. George Wheler at Durham
5099 Dr. Elstob at Canterbury
5100 Wm. Fenwick at Hallaton Rutlandsh:
5101 James Fenton at Lancaster
5102 Wm. Floyer at Landilavour Carmarthensh:
5103 John Kyrle Ernle at Whetham Wiltsh:

26. Janry
Circul Letters.

5104 Richard Fairclough at Kennet Cambr.
5105 Saml. Fletcher at Spondon near Derby
5106 John Frewen at Sapcote Leicestersh:
5107 John Fothergill at St. Albans.
5108 Wm. Fishenden at Rolvenden Kent.
5109 Wm. Fenton at Nottingham
5110 Dr. ffelton at Whitwell Derbysh:
5111 John Giffard at Bishops Castle Shropsh:
5112 Devereux Gooding at Stow Northtonsh.
5113 John Grove Mercht. at Southampton

29. Janry
Circul Letters.

5114 Wm. Howard at Kederminster Worcestersh:
5115 John Hinton at Wolverhampton Staffordsh:
5116 Simon Henley at Melton Mowbray Leicestersh:
5117 Dr. Hutchinson at Bury in Suffolk
5118 Tho: Holland at Langeinwen Anglesea

31. Janry
Circul Letters.

5119 John Johnson at Cranbrook Kent
5120 John Jervis at Darliston Staffordshire.
5121 David Havard near Abergwilly Carmarthensh:
5122 Edward Kelsall at Boston Lincolnshire
5123 Wm. Leigh at Dorchester
5124 Griffith Jones at Laugharne Carmarthensh
5125 Benja. Loveling at Banbury Oxfordshire.
5126 Francis Huysh at Clysthydon Devon
5127 John Jackson at Hullavington Wiltsh
5128 Canon Kendall at Pellyn Cornwall
5129 Joseph Harrison at Cirencester Glocrsh:
5130 James Hotchkis at Rumford Essex
5131 Peter Haddon at Great Bolton Lancash:
5132 Tho: Johnson at Canterbury.
5133 Wm. Hill at Lincoln

2. Febry
Circul Lres.

5134 Dr. Foulkes at Exeter
5135 Dr. Jones Dean of Bangor At Bangor
5136 Wm. Derham at Upminster Essex
5137 Dr. Green at Canterbury
5138 Henry Gilbert Esqr. at Locko Derbyshire
5139 Dr Hodges at Warwick
5140 Tho Price at Bently Staffordshire
5141 Arthur Bedford at Newton St Loe near Bath
5142 George Doughty at Martlesham Suffolk
5143 John Davies at Kingsland Herefordshire
5144 Wm Davies at Llamoryn Montgomeryshire
5145 Henry Hughes at Soberton Hampshire

5 · Febry 1716/17
Circul Lres

5146 Mr Hill at Candecut near Stow Glocestersh: 5. Febry Thanking him
for his Benefacon of a Guinea &ca.

5147 Thomas Ibbot at Swaffam
5148 Barry Love at Yarmouth
5149 Dr. Little at Lynn Regis

Norfolk

5150 Tho Loyd at Rose Crowther Pembrokeshire
5151 Geo: Millard at Box Wiltshire
5152 Roger Mitton at Skipton in Yorkshire
5153 Hugh Mapletoft at Huntingdon

9. Febry
Circul Lres

5154 Mr Knight at Deal 9. Febry Enclosing a Lre from Germany
to Mr. Adler at Tranquebar

5155 Edward Welchman at Lapworth Warwicksh 12 Febry. Circul Lres

5156 Roger Harris Esqr. at Winton
5157 George Mompesson at Mansfield Nottinghamsh
5158 Abram Mackbeth at Holford Somersetsh:
5159 Peter Needham at Kings Somborn Hampshire
5160 Dr. Morgan
5161 Mr Rosse
at Ross Herefordsh

14. Febry Circul
Lres.

5162 Mr. Vaughan at Derllys Carmarthensh: 14. Febry
Circular Letter and in answer to his last

5163 Wm Reeves at Reading Berkshire 14. Febry 1716/7 a Circul Letter

5164 J. Greenwood at Newport Shropsh: 14 Febry ll 2d. General Letter.

5165 Lord Digby
5166 Mr. Newbury } At Coleshill Warwickshire 16. Febry Circul Lres.

5167 Jo Lawrence at Yelvertoft Northamptonsh 19. Febry, a Circul Letter and in Answer to his last of ye 8th Decr. vid. Special Lettr. book.

5168 Fra: Huysh at Clysthydon Devon 19. Febry ~~Circul Letter~~. In Answer to his last of the 2d. Instant. vid. Special Lettr. B.

5169 Wm. Fenwick at Hallaton Rutlandshire 21. Febry In answer to his last of the 6th Instant

5170 Robt. Watts at Great Gidding Huntingdonsh: 21. Febry In answer to his last of the 10th. of December

5171 Dr. Davies at Heydon in Essex 23. Febry

5172 Richard Cobbe at Bombay 26 Febry 1716/7. Vid East Ind: Letter Book.

5173 Dr. Todd at Penrith Cumberland
5174 Jo Sturges at Glatton Huntingdonsh:
5175 Wm Novar at Wye Kent
5176 Mr. Oldfield at Brome Suffolk
5177 Mr Odell at Pottern Bedfordshire.
5178 Mr. Thomas Philipps
5179 Mr. John Philipps } At Carmarthen
5180 Samuel People at Preston Lancashire
5181 John Pember at Prendergast Pembrokeshire.
} 26. Febry Circul Lres

5182 Wm. Pearson at Finningly near Bawtree Yorksh: Notts
5183 Wm Purbeck at Southampton.
5184 Mr Varloe at Portsmouth
5185 Sr John Rogers at Blackford Devon
5186 Edward Parry
5187 Daniel Poole } at Oswestry Shropshire
} 28. Febry Circul Letters.

5188 Robert Watts at Great Gidding Huntingdonsh: 5. Mar In answer to his last about sending things to Mr Cobbe at Bombay in ye East Indies

5189 John Portman at Madresfield Worcestersh: 7. Mar Thanking him for his Benefacon of 10. pounds.

5190 Wm. Roose at Stoke Dry Rutlandsh: }
5191 Geo: Raymond at Ipswich } 9. Mar Circular Lres
5192 Henry Robinson at Leeds Yorksh: }

5193 Francis Boynton at Beverly Yorksh: 9 Mar To acquaint him that Mr. Mease, Mr Davies and his packets were sent by Dalton, Mar. of the happy return hoy, under Cover to Mr Ryles Bookseller at Hull

5194 John Rogers at Brentford Butts Middlx }
5195 John Rogers at Bradford Wilts } 12. Mar. Circular Lres
5196 John Risebrow at Norwich }

5197 Mr Strype at Low Leyton Essex Thanking him for a Guinea Benefacon } 14. Mar
5198 Mr. Ant: Springett at Lewes Sussex } Circul. Lres

5199 Mr. Welshman at Lapworth Warwicksh: 14. Mar Enclosing Mr. Beales Objecons to the Title page of a Book being a Dialogue between a protestant Minr. & a pop: priest

5200 Peter Osborn at Stoke Gabriel Devon 14. Mar Thanking him for his Benefacon of twenty shills. and Enclosing a Book entituled a Short Refutation of popery &c.

5201 Mr. Strong at Yeovil } Som.
5202 Richard Slute Esqr. at Wheatly }
5203 Saml. Sandford at presteign Radnorsh: } 16. March
5204 Dr. Sloper at Spettsbury Dorsetsh } Circular Lres.
5205. Jo: Sharpe Esqr. at Thetford Norfolk }
5206. Tho: Watts Esqr. at orpington Kent }

5207 Mr. Wisdom at Westmr. 19. March 1716/7. Desiring an answer to the Queryes as ℘ Comee Book.

5208 Charles Strangeways at Maiden Newton Dorsetsh.
5209 John Eaton Esqr. at Nottingham
5210 Cartwright Wilmer at Ellesboro Bucks —
19. March Circul. Letters.

5211 Mr. Downing at London 23. March To desire him to deliver Mr. Nichols Book to ye Subscribers. as ℘ W. Book.

5212 Richd. Smith at Upton upon Severn Worc:
5213 Dr. Stansfield at Rodboro Gloc:
5214 Mattw. Smith at Gainsboro Lincolnsh.
5215 Cha: Stephens at Hampton Lovet Worc:
5216 Tho: Thomas at Carmarthen.
5217 Robert Thomlinson at Wickham
5218 Edward Turner at Cam Gloc. Sh.
5219 Joseph Soley at Lickhill Worcestersh.
23d ~~26~~ Mar 1716/7. Circul. Letters.

5220 Dr. Tyler of Shopdon near Leominster Herefordshire
5221 Dr. Tanner of Norwich
5222 Mr. Todhunter of Queens College Oxford
5223 Mr. Robt. Townsend Rectr. of ye Devizes Wiltshire
5224 Mr. Arch Deacon Tenison at Lambeth
5225 Mr. James Upton Minr. of Ilminster Somersetshire
5226 Mr. Thomas Wagstaffe Minr. at Cublington Bucks
5227 Mr. Richd. Wright Minr. of Stalbridge Dorsetshire
5228 Mr. Arch Deacon Worth at Northfield Warwickshire
5229 Mr. Wm. Wall Rectr. of Shoreham Kent
5230 Mr. Samll. Wesley Minr. at Epworth Lincolnshire
5231 Mr. Thos. Wells Junior Rectr. of Toynton Lincolnshire
5232 Mr. Williams Minr. at Denbigh.
30: March 1717. Circul: Letters.

5233 Mr. Wm. Trimnel Rector of Brington Northamptonshire The first Genl. Letter. 30. March. 1717.

5234 Samll: Weller Maidstone Kent
5235 Joseph Waldron at Mells Somersetsh:
5236 James Young Esqr: a Plimouth Devon:
Circul: Letters. 30. March. 1717.

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5237 Dr. Jones at Bangor vide Special Letter Book in Answer to his of the 8th: of March —

5238 Mr. Lewis at Margate Kent in Answer to his of ye 18th: of March

5239 Mr. John Strype of Lowleyton Essex in answer to his of ye 18 March

5240 Mr. Levit Pearson at Finningly Nottinghamsh: in Answr. to his of ye 19th: March

6 April.

5241 Mr. King at Exon Enclosing Copies &ca.

5242 4868. Mr. Stevenson at Fort St. George.

5243 4872. Governr. & Council at Fort St. George.

5244 4878. Wm. Jennings at Fort St. George.

5245 4922. Governr. Harrison at Fort St. George

5246 4908. Mr. Briercliffe at Calcatta in the Bay of Bengal.

5247 4921. Jo. Ernest Grundler at Tranquebar.

9. April.

5248 Richd. Drake at Great Oakley Essex Circular Letter in Answr: to his last

11. April.

5249 Robt. Watts at Great Gidding Huntsh: enclosing Copyes of the last Letters to and from Mr. Cobbe at Bombay.

13. April.

5250 Mr. Wheeler at Warpenham Northampt: in answer to his — Letter of the 25th. March vid. Special Letter Book.

15. April.

5251 Mr. Edwd. Parry Vicar of Oswestry Shropsh: in answer to his of ye 22d. of last Month & by Enquiry found his Packet sent under a Cover to Mr. Pool Deceasd.

18. April.

5252 Mr. Sutton Chaplain to ye Honble. Governor Pitts in Pelmell } 1st. Genll: Letter

5253 Mr. Martin Vicar of Clements in Sandwich Kent — — }

5254 Mr. Frimnell at Wicken near Stony Statford — — — — 2d. Genll: Letter

20. April —

5255 Mr. Davies at Heydon Essex. That ye Trustees of the Parochial Libraries have not yet Met, but would in all Likelihood soon after ye Holidays. That Mr. Cholmondley was paid 10l: 18s: — for 4. setts of Dr. More's works for the Welch Lending Librarys The Society thankfully accept of his offer of 200. Copies or more of Enchiridion Ethicum 150. of wch. were already agreed to be dispos'd of in Germany Switserland & America where they would be very acceptable.

23. April

5256 Mr. Welchman at Lapworth Warwicksh: In answer to his of ye 22d. of March Acquainting him wth. ye reasons of the Society of ye last meeting for Desiring of him to alter ye Title of his Dialogue between A Protestant Minister & a Popish Priest.

5257 Mr. Davies Curate of Christ Church Southwarke In answer to his of ye 10th: Curr. vid. Wast Lette book

5258 Brigadiere Stearne Governr. of Dangannon Ireland and enclosing an Abstract of ye Resolutions of ye Lords relating to ye Conduct of his Officers at Oxon } Circul Letter

5259 Rowland Cotton Esqr. of Etwal Derby the 27. April. signifying to whom [illegible] viz. to Mr. Knute at London Stone
Mrs Cotton at Lichfield. 27. April. accompanying a Sett of Mr. Ostervald's books.

5260 Mr. Pember at Prendergast Pembrokesh. 30th April. in answr. to his of the 18th Curr. vid. Wast Letter book.

5261 Mr. Rich. Skingle at Lexom near Colchester Essex. first Gen: Letter. 27. april. 1717.

30. April

5262 Mr. De Ners at Eaton Postscript to ye Circular Lettre. Vid Wast book

5263 Mr. Henry Maule at Cork in Ireland 4. May. Circular Letter. That Packets were sent to Mr. Ram & Mr. Richardson under cover of the Packet to himself. That a few books were added to his Packet for ye Proselyte from Popery mentioned in his last Lettr to be given as he thought fit, & ye all were sent to Mr. Noblet Ruddock at Bristol Carriage paid.

5264 Noblet Ruddock at Bristol. 4. May. That a Packet to Mr. Maule of Cork was sent by Sartans Waggon about 13th of April Carriage paid.

5265 Dr Waddington Coleman Street 7. May. To Enquire ye Character of Mr. Butler within Aldersgate propos'd for a Residing Member.

5266 Dr Davies Rector of Heydon Essex. by Royston Bag 7. May The Society would be glad to have his Answer to my last letter to Dr. Mores Enchiridion Ethicum that ye Trustees of the Parochial Librari es had not yet had a Meeting — therefore is proposal to them was not yet considerd.

5267 Capt. Morris at Bel bridge near Carlisle 7. May in Answr. to his of the 6. April That ye Society send only Specimens of what they publish to all their Correspondents and conformable to one Model Yearly to avoid the intricacy yt would otherwise attend making up their Packets. But if in regard to his Zeal in promoting their Designs they had orderd any books he should desire wch. were in their Store to be added to his Annual Packets.

5268 Henry Colchester Esqr. 9 May. That ye Society are informd that the two Schools at Newland and Coleford in Glocestershire are fallen by the Death of his Brother & Mr. Windham their cheif Supports, That therefore he is desired to consider how far it is reasonable for Col: Colchester's Heir to continue so usefull a Charity.

5269 Mr. Herbert Pye at Monmouth 9. May That his Letter the 17th. Novr. was answerd the 15th. of Decemb. that Mr. Rea would return the Role & do his Utmost to get ye School Erected as he desired. The Society would be glad to hear what was done in it, & how the Account of Schools in Monmouth should stand in this Years Acct. now going to the press.

5270 Mr. Wright at Oakham Rutlandsh: 11. May. In Answer to his
of the 21st of Novemb.r Desiring to know ye reason of ye Declining
State of the School there who's Minister of the place! The
Names of the Subscribers! And who has withdrawn!

5271 Mr. Sawyer at Mayfield in Sussex in Answer to his of ye 12
of Decemb.r Desiring to know the reason of the Declension
of the School at Mayfield ut Supra to Mr. Wright.

5272 Wm. Harrison at Stanton Glocestersh: In Answer to his of the
13. April Desiring to know ~~of~~ of Mr. Colchester & Mr. Windhams
Subscription to the Charity Schools at Newland & Coleford

5273 Mr. Richd. Haynes at Bristol Desiring to know ye State of the
Schools there and how he would have the Number of Copies
of Mr. Nicholsons book he Subscrib'd for Dispos'd of.

5274 Mr. Loughton at Cambridge 14. May enclosing a Letter from the
Marquis de Rochegude to Mr. Manual one of his Pupills.

5275 Mr. Somerscale at Dodington in Kent. in Answer to his of the 16th
of January and desiring an Account of the present State of
the School at Sittingbourne as directed by the Comittee

5276 Mr. Edw: Welchman at Lapworth near Henly Warwickshire 16. May.
Vide Waste Letter Book.

5277 Mr. Richard Parker at St. Catharine's 21. May. That he is desired
to send Mr. Strong at Yeovil Somersetshire 22. Capps 22. Shirts
& 44. Bands for his Charity Boys with a Bill of Costs by Mr.
Clark Carrier from Gerard's Hall & he'l remit the money.

5278 John Diserott Esqr. at Kensington Square 21. May Desiring
to know if ye Societys Packet of Books were recd. That
ye Account of Schools for this Year is now going to the
press, Desiring to know What Number of Boys & Girls
taught at Kinsington What their Subscription
Amounted to last Year! Or What they Amount to
Annually! And the Number of Boys & Girls put out
Apprentices, or Services from ye foundation of their
Schools. And when Erected having Subjoin'd a Copy of
ye Account as it stood last Year that you may Correct
what's amiss.

Circular Letter

5279 Mr. William Pigot Esqr. at Bradhurst Sussex 21. May:
Desiring to know wt. Eminent Gramm.r Schools they have there
or in their Neighbourhood. wth. an Apology for not sending Sooner

Circul Letter

5280 Mr. Robt. Payne at Saltwood Kent. Desiring to know
What Eminent Grammar Schools they have there or
in their Neighbourhood

Circul Letter

5281 John Chamberlayne at Windsor Castle in Answ.r to his of ye 21 May concerning
the Bishop of Chesters Christian Institutes as refer'd to ye Comittee

5282 The Lord Arch Bishop of Canterbury 24 May 1717. That the Society having lately Recd several Letters from the East Indies on the Subject of ye Protestant Mission and the means of further promoting it in those parts have Orderd Copies thereof to be laid before his Grace. vizt

Copy of Mr Briercliffe's Letter from Bengal 31. Decembr 1715.
Copy of a Letter from Tranquebar 16: Janry 1715/6 Jno Ernest Grundler Accompanying Copies of 4. Letters between him & Govr Harrison
Copies of 2 Letters from Mr Stevenson Chaplain at Fort St George of ye 3d February 1715/6 & August 25: 1716. - -
Copy of a Letter from Mr Ziegenbalg at Fort St George 18th Aug 1716.
Copy of a Letter from Mr John Legg Merchant at Fort St George the 29th August 1716. - - - -

5283 Mr Henry Darby Vicar at Stow Market Suffolk 25. May 1st General Letter acquainting him by Postscript that it was sent near 7. Year agoe but for fear it then Miscarry'd is now repeated.

5284 The Revd Mr Kelsal at Boston Lincolnshire 25. May Thanking him for his Benefaction of 2. Guineas by Mr Trott Vide Wast Let Bo

5285 Mr Chancellor Lloyd at Hartlebury Castle 25 May

5286 Mr Reeves at Reading Berks 28 May. desiring to know ye State of the Charity School there, yt if ye Fund for Supporting it was insufficient a Member of the Society was willing to be a Benefactor to it.

5287 Maj: D. Offranville at Oxon 28 May: Desiring to know whether the School kept by a Serj. in his Regiment was yet kept up

5288 Mr John Chamberlayne Petty France Westmr 28th May Inclosing a proof of the Charity Schools

5289 Monsr Scheurer may the 30th 1st Genll Letter Accompanying a Packet
5290 The Revd Monsr Ottius 30 May 1: Genll Letter Accompanying a Packet

The 30th of May.

5291 ——— To Mr Jennings.
5292 ——— The Revd Mr Shute.
5293 ——— The Revd Mr Wheately.
5294 ——— The Revd Mr Hayley.
5295 ——— The Revd Dr Waddington.
5296 ——— Mr Newey.

Acquainting them yt those Gentn they propos'd are chose Residing Membes and they are Desired to Invite them to the Meetings of the Society at St Paul's Chapter House.

5297. Mr Thomas Frampton Minr at Broad Hinton Wilts: 30th of May first General Letter.

5298 Mr: E Strong at Yeovil Somersetsh: 1. June 1717. In Answer to his of ye 11th of May. That Mr. Parker was to send the things he desir'd of Mr Dod.

5299 Mr: E Mitton Vicar of Skipton Yorksh: 1st of June Thanking him for ye favr: of ye 17th of last Month desiring he would Communicate a further Acct: of Mr Brewoud's Charity to wt: place he has appropriated it? & wn: like to take place. That ye Bishop of Norwich preaches the Anniversary Sermon at ye Meeting of ye Charity Schools in & abt: London next Witsunweek. The Acct. of Schools reported to ye Society to have been Erected since ye last Acct: Amounts to near 50: being very considerable considering how much this Charity has already [illegible]

5300 Mr: E Michael Woodward at Guilford Surry 1st of June That having Acquainted Mr. Hoare a Member of the Society wth ye Circumstances of ye Charity School at Guilford signified in your ~~last~~ his last Letters He desires me to Acquaint You yt he will send you five pound towards ye Support of their School as soon as he signifies how it can be remitted.

5301 Edwd: Turner at Cam Glocestersh: 4 June In Answer to his of the 29th of April. Acquainting him that ye Society never recd ye Acc: of ye reasons of the fall of Dursley School wch he says was Comunicated by the greatest part of the Inhabitants.

5302 Mons: E Wendt Secy: to ye New Coll at Copenhagen June the 7th. Sent him a Letter ye 27th of June under Cover to Monsieur Jean de Balde Veuve et Fils a Amsterdam —
Vide Lettrs: sent to ye Protestant Missionaries.

5303 Mr: E Dingley Fellow of Corpus Christi College at Oxford 8 June 1st Gen: Letter

5304 Mr: E Richardson Rector of Belturbet at Dublin Ireland the 8th: of June Postscript vide Wait Lettr: Book — } Circular Lett: E

5305 Robert Hales Esqr. E at Whitehall June 11th. Accompanying 4: Sheet Accts: of Schools for the King, Prince & Princess & himself.

5306 His Grace the Lord Arch Bishop of Canterbury 11th: June }
5307 The Revd: Father in God the Ld Bishop of London 11: June }
5308 The Revd: Ld Bishop of Norwich 11: June }
Sending Sheet Acct: of Schools

5309 Mr: Thomas Allen Minr. at Kettering Northamptonsh: 11th: June: 1st: Gen Letter

5310 Mr: Shute at London House 11th: June To acquaint him yt Mr. Butler is chosen a Residing Member & that he is desired to Invite him to the Society.

5311 Mr: Robt: Watts at the Theatre at Oxford 13 June That his packet will be sent to Mr Thomas's consisting of the Books & papers he desired by ye Coach going hence to Morrow or on Saturday. The Bishop of Norwich being indisposed ye Bishop of Sarum preached this day at St. Sepulchres the Society Voted the Usual Complemt: to his Lordship & yt he be desired to favour them with a Copy thereof.

5312 Mr. Knight at Chippenham Cambridgsh: 13: June. That ye Letter recd sometime past on ye Subject of yo: of the 11: is now in Mr. Treasurer Ludlow's hands as a Memor: to bespeak the Sunday in this Month or first of the next yt happen to be in his Disposal That he's gone out of Town to spend ye Holy days but is expected daily back, If ye 28: Curr: be in his Gift and not already promis'd it shall be for You as soon as he comes to Town, That your former had been Answerd sooner but being willing to stay till near the time, least some accidents should intervene that shoud disappoint Your or the Treasurer. The Bishop of Norwich being indisposed the Bishop of Sarum preach'd for his Lordship at St. Sepulchres.

5313. Mr. Pye Minr. at Monmouth 15. June That his of ye 11th: & 13th: of last Month were communicated to ye Society who were much affected wth ye Discouraging Acct. of ~~the~~ his former And as ye best expedient for the present have Orderd a Packet of Books to be sent proper for ye New Master's perusal in hopes thereupon he may mend his Behaviour. The Society's Messenger says now yt the Packet is sent Carriage paid. That his Acct. is follow'd as to Monmouth Schools in the large Acct. now in ye press. The Bishop of Sarum preach'd last Thursday at the Anniversary Meeting of the Charity Schools and made an Excellent Sermon wch will be sent when printed.

5314 Mr. Downing. Bartholmew Close 15: June That ye Society has sent ye Standing Orders as finally Corrected & ye two 1st. Sheets of ye large Acct. of Schools Of ye Standing Orders he is to work off 150. Copies on good paper And that he send a proof before it's wrought off. Of the large Acct. The Society have not agreed on ye Number That he compose it as fast as he can ready for the press. Offence having been taken at the Title of Mr. Welchmans Dialogue between a Protestant Minister and a Romish Priest &ca. The Society & ye Author have Agreed when it Suffers a new Impression yt ye Title be as follows *A Dialogue between a Protestant Mininster & a Romish Priest: wherein is Shewed yt ye Church of Rome is far from being ye only true Church, as it pretends to be, & yt the Church of England is a Sound part of the Catholick Church of Christ.* That if he will reprint ye title page for those Copies remaining by him he may do it.

5315 Mr. George Millard at Box Wiltsh: 15 June That his of ye 1st. of last Month was Communicated to ye Society who were pleas'd wth his Endeavours of bringing his Parishioners to ye Devout use of Psalmody. That in Answer to his proposal about a School Master capable of Officiating as Clerk if the Society have a few Weeks Notice when such is wanted they will endeavour to procure one as well qualify'd as they can Vid. Wast Lettr Book

5316. Lord Bishop of Londonderry Dublin Ireland 15: June concerning Mr. Richardson's books in Irish in the Societys Store. Vide Wast Lett

5317. His Grace the Arch Bishop of Canterbury 18: June. Copies of 3. Letters layd before his Grace. are as follows.

5318. From {
Governour Collet Fort St. George 20: Septembr: 1716
Mr. Jennings one of ye Council at Fort St. George 7. Octobr: 1716.
Mr. Stevenson Chaplain at Fort St. George 8th. Octobr: 1716. }

In answer to his of the 27th Curt. about a suspect [illegible] corresp

5319. Mr. Nathaniel Boughton at Plymouth Devon 20: June ~~vide wast Letter book~~
=sponding ~~with him~~ on the subject of Lying. vid. waste Letter book.

5320 Mr. Wm. Squire at ye Queens Head near ye Red Pump in Canterbury 22. June In answr. to his of ye 22d. Inst. That by ye New Liber Valorum & Decimarum Reculver vicarage is among the livings remaining in Charge to pay first fruits & Tenths, and must pay for first fruits — 9-12-3½
and for Tenths — — — — — — -19-2¾

5321 Mr. Downing in Bartholmew Close 22d. June Sending him all the Interleaved Countrey Acc: of Schools being 3d. Sheet.

5322 Mr. Thomas Pain Minr. of High Halden Essex 27. June 1st General Letter

5323 Thomas Frampton at Broadhinton Wiltsh. 29th June ~~That~~ In answer to his of the 8th Curt. whereby he accepted of being a Correspond. Member. That ye Society are pleas'd with his Success in getting a Sch. erected in his Parish. That a Packet is sent to him by the usual Carrier Carriage paid.

5324 Richd. Peers at Farringdon Berks. 29. June In answr. to his of the 2d. Curt. That the Sch. he intends to erect at Midsr. is inserted in the Accot. of Schools sent to ye press. That Mr. Downing is directed to send by Leader as he desires 100. Lewis's Expos. on the Catechism. And 20. Spelling books

5325 Henry Darby at Stow market Suff. 29th June. The 2d. Genll. Letter with a Postscript in answr. to his of the 30th. of March recd by Mr. Chamberlayne.

5326 An Anonymous Person in London. 28. June. Desiring an Accot. of the progress of the Malabar Mission there was this day sent to him a Copy of all ye last Letters from the E. Indies. Being 2. of Mr. Stevenson 1. of Govr. Collet, Mr. Jennings Mr. Legg Mr. Ziegenbalg. The Govr. Harrison & Council at Fort St. George. vid. waste Lettr. book

5327. Willm. Frunnel at Great Brington Northamptonsh. 2d. July. That a Packet of books are sent to him Carriage pd. by ye Carrier he recommends.

5328. Rowland Cotton Esqr. at Etwal near Derby. 2d July That Mr. Treasurer had recd his 10. pound for one Years Subscription: & In answer to other particulars of his Letter of the 20th of last Month as pr waste Letter book.

5329 Mr Boehm at Westmin.r 4th July Desiring him in the Name of the S to thank the Benefactor of a Guinea to the College at Glaucha & of half a Guinea to the Protestant Mission.

5330 Mr Secry Woolley at the India House. 4th July desiring his approbation of a Paragraph in the large Acco.t of Schools relating to that erected lately at Fort St George.

5331 Tho. Allen at Kettering Northamptonsh. 6th July. The 2d Genl. Letter with a Postscript desiring an Account of the School at Artleborough in ye same County, how the Child.n are employ'd &c.a as per Waste book.

5332 Robt. Watts Great Gidding Huntingdonsh. 4th July In answer to his of the 1st Curt. thanking him from the Society for the Acco.ts therein signify'd. And to acqt him that his Note of 7. pd on Mr Knapton in Pauls Church Yd was pd after abt. a weeks delay for want of advice.

5333. Rowland Cotton Esqr. at Etwal Derbysh. 9th July enclosing News Papers abt. the Controversie between the Bps of Carlisle & Bangor in 2. Packets.

5334 Lewis Thomas at Oxford. 9th July Desiring an Acco.t of the Nature of the work the 40. Girls of St Martin's Parish at Oxford are employ'd in.

5335. Mr Shute at London House 10. July accompanying 12. Copies of the 20. Subscrib'd for by Mr Haynes at Bristol, and desiring him to receive the Money for the 20. Copies & to pay it to Mr Downing.

5336 Wm. Trimnell at Brington Northamptonsh: 13. July That his Le were communicated to the Society. That Mr. Lewis's Expost. of ye Ch: 4 Doz: of Comon Prayr. Books were sent by ye Usual Carrier ye 11th. Cur. with a Bill of Charges in ye Packet from Mr. Downing

5337 Mr. Rogers at Bradford Wiltsh: 13. July Desireing an Accot. of their School, ~~and~~ Methods & Number of Children &c.

5338 Col: Kane in Park Street Westmr. 15. July That a Packet of Books were sent as a present from some Private Gent. to ye Soldiers belonging to Col: Kane's Regimt: at Port mahone And that ye Society wou'd make a good addition thereto on ye first application Desiring to know wherein ye Society might be Serviceable to ye Interest of Religion at Port Mahone.

5339 Ld: Bp. of London Derry at Dublin 16th. July enclosing Copies of Mr. Nicholson's & Mr. Maule's Proposals abt. getting a recomendacon of the Design of Charity Schools from the King to the Parliamt. of Ireland Vid. Waste Letter Book.

5340 Ld. Bp. of Meath at Dublin 16. July enclosing the same Proposals as to ye Bp. of London Derry.

5341 Noblet Ruddock at Bristol 16. July That a Packet was sent to him for Mr. Nicholson in Ireland to be forwarded to Mr. Maule.

5342 Mr. Nicholson at Cumin near Sligo in Ireland 16. July In Answer to his of 28th. of June. Vid. Wast Lettr. 13.

5344 Mr. Chamberlayne at Hampton wick 16. July in Answer to his of Yesterday.

5345. Mr. Rowland Cotton at Etwal Darbysh: 16. July wth. an Accot. of affairs at present.

Anſwd. 2. July.

NB. Mr. Treaſurer has receiv'd 10. pounds for his last Years Subſcription. And the Society order'd that an Anſwer be wrote to this, Acquainting Mr. Cotton that he is altogether miſinform'd about what he says concerning the Maſters of Charity Schools &ca.

Abstracts of Letters receiv'd continued from Folio 298. in this Book.

Thursday. 27th June. 1717.

5251. Rowland Cotton Esqr. at Etwal Derbysh. 20. June. That he had remitted his last Years Subscription to the Society to Mr. Shute. That it is reported in the Country that great alterations are made among the Masters and Mistresses of the Charity Schools, and that many profess'd Dissenters are put in, which if true he shall think one of the best designs for the Interest of Religion in these Days intirely perverted.

5252. Dr. Sol. Tyler at Shobdon Herefordsh. 22d. June. Thanking the Society for the Packet he rec'd from Dr. Davies of Kingsland about a Month since. That he wrote sometime since to the Bp of Hereford to acqt. His Lp that the Schools at Aymstry and Little Laintol were both totally neglected. That His Lp in his answer desir'd to know whether the persons receiving the Salaries were regularly chose by the Trustees and duly licensed? to both which he had made answer in the Negative, but had not since receiv'd His Lordships further Commands presuming he may shortly come to Hereford.

5253 Dr. Edwd. Tenison at Canterbury 18th June. That he had acquainted Mr. Haynes of Chelsea of his being chose a Residing Member, and that he had desir'd him to return his thanks to the Society for the Honour they had done him.

5254. Fran: Hutchinson Bury Suffolk 19. June 1717 Thanking the Society for the Packet. That Mary ye late wife of Richard Bowes of Bury-St. Edmunds Clerk deceas'd gave by Will 100. pounds to be laid out in
Sch. Land for the use of the Charity Schools in that Town & in failure of them to other uses specified in her Will That they have added to it 20£. out of the Town Stock & bought of freehold land to ye value of 6£ p annum

5255 Rob: Watts Great Gidding Huntind: 24 June. That in his late Journey from Oxford home he learnt an Account of the under Named Schools that at Woodford in Northamptonsh 6. Children are put to School at the Charge of the Minister That he visitted the School at Finedon where 20. Girls are not only taught to read & write but to Spin Jersey and flax and even to make & mend all they wair except their shooes and are also wholly maintain'd at the sole Charge of the pious Lady Dolben That at Whiston he was told the Ministers wife paies for teaching 12. poor Children there as he doeth for abt. 20. or 30 at his other Living at Dainton That at Castle Ashby a School is
Sch. set up after ye pattern of my Lady Dolben's That at Disworth there is a School endowed wth about 11 pound p ann. for teaching all the poor Children wch are usually 20. That at Middleton Stony in Oxfordshire 4. Children are put to School at ye Charge of ye Minister That at Islip in Oxfordshire the 15 Children yt were kept to School by Dr. South in his life time are now encreas'd to 21. & Cloath'd

5256 H: Maule Corke Ireland 8th. June. Enclosing an Account of Charity Schools, giving him by the Rev. Mr. Robinson. a Lancashire Man, Erected in his Country and about Dublin That if Mr. Nicholson of Sligoe his packet ~~may~~ be sent to Mr. Ruddock at Bristol and forwarded to him he will take care of it That Brigadier Stearn is a Zealous promoter for the Charity Schools in that Kingdom and as not only Augmented the School Library at Cork by a kind present of books but is an Annual Subscriber to it.

Thursday the 4th. of. July. 1717.

5257. Dr. Wm: Frimnell Brington Northamptonsh 25. June. Thanking ye Society for ye Packet he had recd. wch he shall endeavour to make Usefull to as many as he can and desires the following Books may be sent to him to be paid for by Dr. Waddington wn he comes to Town.
vizt. 5. or 6. Doz. of Mr. Lewis's Catechism's
3. or 4. Doz. of Comon Prayer Books bound for Ordinary Use

5258 Dr. Davies Heydon Essex 1. July To Mr. Cholmondy That he thought he had formerly Order'd 150. Copies of Dr. Moores Enchiridion Ethicum for ye Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge wch he now readily grants beside the 50. last desired by them; And desires to know the Society's Resolution on the Proposalls made in his former Letters.

Answ^d. 13. July. Orderd y^t the books desired be sent
The packet was sent. 11th July.

11. July. Refer'd to the Com:

The following Letter relating to the Protestant Mission to the East Indies is enter'd verbatim, from

5259. Willm Stevenson at Fort St George 27th Decr 1716

Sir When I wrote to you in August last by the Katharine, I promis'd to send you my thoughts concerning the most effectual way of propagating the Gospel in this part of the world. but let me first point out the chief

Hindrances

Impediments that hinder this glorious Work; and the Reasons that induce me to hope for success in it: and then I shall propose those methods that I think are most likely to promote the Conversion of the Heathen.

Want of Missionaries.

1. One of the greatest hindrances to this excellent Design is the want of a Sufficient number of Missionaries and Catechists to carry it on. Mr. Zeigenbalg and Mr. Grundler have not the power of working Miracles: and yet it seems Miracles are expected from them by those who send them abroad. What they have already done shows them to be laborious and indefatigable: they have laid a good foundation by translating and printing many useful books in the Malabar language: But this, and the charge of their Schools, and of their adult Converts, must employ them so constantly, that they are confined, as it were, within the bounds of Tranquebar; where two Missionaries will always be necessary: and there must be others sent up into the Countrey to instruct the Natives settle Schools in their Villages &c

unnecessary Disputes.

2. But in this I foresee another Obstacle if it be not seasonably prevented; and that is the mixing of disputable opinions with the plain and necessary Doctrines of the Gospel. It is expected of the Danish Missionaries that they plant not only a Christian, but a Lutheran Church: and make proselytes not only to ye Gospel but to a particular Sect Now Sr. the Natives here are generally a quick penetrating people, that labour under sufficient prejudices from their Education: which therefore ought not to be encreased by proposing to them any Scheme of Controverted Opinions. Nothing ought to be taught among them, but the plain unquestionable Articles of the Christian Faith, in the same manner, and as far as is

possible

Refer'd to the Malabar Comee

Possible, in the same words that the Apostles used. The disputes and uncertain tenets of particular Churches ought not to be mixt with the fundamentall principles of our Holy Religion: but as it is in it self most agreeable to the Reason, and unprejudiced sense of mankind; so it ought to be set forth to the Heathens in the same advantageous light; in that primitive Simplicity and plainness of speech wch we find used in Scripture; And unclouded with the Abitrary Impositions and Explications that have been made of Our Christian Faith since the days of the Apostles. Any person may easily perecive how much this would facilitate the propagation of the Gospel and it is no less obvious that every doubtfull Opinion, and perplexed point of Doctrine must be a prejudice, and therefore an impediment to that good Design.

Opposition from the Romish priest.

3. A third hindrance that must be expected, is the violent Opposition that the Romish priests will make when they find that the protestant Missionaries begin to gain ground, and to meet with Success in converting the Natives. The Scheme of popery is so very different from the Genius and Doctrine of the Gospel, that they will be extreamly surprized at hearing such different Accounts of the Christian Religion. And seeing that both cannot be in the right, they will be apt to suspect the whole. This prejudice however may be overcome by our protestant Missionaries; who can easily confute the Romish Priests by the very same Arguments that they urge against the Heathen Idolatry; and by appealing to ye Scriptures wch the papists themselves own to be Divine. In such rencounters our Missionaries will have Occasion to shew ye greatest Address & Sagacity

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And a thorough Knowledge not only of our Systems & controversie at home; but of the whole Scheme of Morality, and Natural Religion which are not always perfectly understood even by those who sometimes pass for very learned Divines.

Ill Examples of Christians. 4. Another Impediment to the Conversion of the Heathens will be occasioned by the ill Examples of those who proffess the Christian Religion. But this prejudice will be Strongest in their minds who live among the Europeans; and may be overcome in a great measure by the pious deportment of the Missionaries, Catechists & School-Masters, who must be employ'd chiefly in the Country where there are no Europeans to be seen, besides themselves.

Bigotry of the Heathens. 5. But the greatest Obstacle of all is that unaccountable Spirit of Bigotry, and mad Zeal that the Natives have for their several Casts, or sects; for the sake whereof the generality of them are ready to sacrifice their lives and every thing that is dear to them. These Casts or parties are distinguisht from one another not only by their different modes of superstition and Observances of what they reckon sacred, but likewise by many other little Customs and usages in comon life; as in their food, eating, habit, Trades &c. for any one of wch Customs or privileges they quarrell with as much fury and rage as our Christian Casts & parties do at home. To lose their Cast, or be abandonned (& excomunicated by it) is what they reckon the greatest evil in the world: and if the dread of this can be once overcome, there will be no great difficulty in their conversion. I'm informed that this Bigotry is not so great in the Countrey, as we find it in the Sea port Towns among the Europeans: where the Casts rival one another in point of Trade and Business: and these political feuds heighten their Zeal or rage against one another on account of their other observances which the call Religious and Sacred.

These Sr, are the main Impediments that are most likely to obstruct the Conversion of the Indians. most of the Hindrances I have mentioned may be effectually removed: if proper measures be concerted at Home, and executed here with suitable care and application.

Encouragements. Let me now lay before You the Reasons I have to hope for Success in this difficult but generous Undertaking: and these are, the Reasonableness of the Christian Doctrine; the extraordinary Grace & Assistance that may well be Supposed to attend the preaching of it; the quick Capacity of the Natives; the Absurdity of their Belief &

And practices, their Austere manner of life; their freedom from the worst of Passions; and their just Notions of many Moral Truths.

The Reasonableness of Christianity.

1. The Reasonableness of the Christian Religion gives me great hopes that it will meet with a ready reception among the Heathens for seeing the great design of the Gospel is to teach men the most perfect System of Morality; and such other important Truths as Reason alone could not have discovered; and to enforce the practice of all Virtue and piety by the most moving Considerations the greatest rewards, and the most terrible punishments: A Scheme of Religion that is so agreeable to the natural notions of mankind; and contains nothing but what Reason must approve and acquiesce in; which gives us such just and worthy thoughts of Almighty God; the Dignity of Humane Nature, and the great End & design of our Life: I say such a Scch of Doctrine as this, which is so rational, Noble, and Consistent in it self, and is supported by the most convincing proofs that Moral facts are capable of; bespeaks the regard and attention of mankind, and powerfully insinuates it self even upon a prejudiced Spirit. Indeed the necessity of Moral Obligations and the practical duties of the Gospel ~~have been~~ so clearly demonstrated from the light of Nature & ye proofs of the Xtian Revelation have been set in so Clear a light and may be offerd with such irresistible Evidence, that I'm apt to believe, Miracles are not now necessary for the Conversion of these people; the want of a wonderful power being in a great measure supplyed by that Surprizing Light and perspicuity which in these last Ages have been given to all the precepts and Truths of the Gospel. The first Ages of Christianity were destitute of this wonderfull Light, and powerful Demonstration: and therefore the Apostles were Supernaturally assisted; and Converted the world by Miracles & the demonstration of the Spirit; which abundantly supplyed the place of Argument, and Natural perswasion. There is another reason why Miracles were necessary then & do not seem to be so now; because the Gospel was to be preached throughout the whole world, in a short time; and by a few persons, whose lives and labours without the power of Miracles could not have been Sufficient to propagate the Gospel with any tollerable Success. But now, the truth of these Miracles which the Apostles & first Christians wrought every where is as well attested, and is as convincing a proof of the Christian Doctrine to a Sincere unbiass't mind, as if we had seen them with our own eyes: And a Considerable number of Missionaries may be employed in the several parts of the world; and by assiduous labour & application they

They may in a course of many Years, gain over great Numbers to Christian[ity] without the help of Miracles. The Apostles had the Wonderful Gift of Tongues which was then absolutely neceſsary: but now the want of that Gift may be supplyed in a great degree by Study & labour And when our own diligent and Charitable Endeavours, speedily in a natural way accomplish the Conversion of the Heathens; there is no reason to expect or wait for the power of Miracles. But if Almighty God should think fit to vouchsafe a Miraculous power, it must be to those who have used all the other industrious Methods that prudence, Zeal & Charity can suggest: for the use of natural means cannot poſsibly hinder the Course of such Supernatural helps as God may be pleased at length to impart.

Extraordinary Grace and Aſsistance.

2. But tho it may be justly questioned whether the power of Miracles be now neceſsary; we have no reason to doubt but that almighty God will accompany the preaching of the Gospel to the Heathens with a double portion of Grace and Spiritual illumination which may have the same good effect and influence upon their Minds as if they saw the most astonishing Miracles: If we suppose that that they receive only so much Aſsistance from the Holy Spirit of Christ as will engage their attention to the Truth they hear preached and leſsen their Prejudices against it, our Religion is so Reasonable and the Natives are generally so discerning, that they could not but embrace it. This we may Confidently expect that the preaching of the Gospel will be attended with such measures of Spiritual Aſsistance as shall be neceſsary to Counter ballance the prejudices of the Heathens: and dispose them to a favourable reception of the Truth. So much Grace is generally given to those who are already Christians: and there is reason to expect that more plentiful Effusions of Grace will be bestowed on those who by their Education and Circumstances are unhappily prepoſsest against the Doctrine of the Gospel.

The Capacity of the Natives.

3. I mentioned the quick Capacity of the Natives among the other Reasons we have to hope for their speedy Conversion to Christianity. But when I speak of their capacity, I do not only mean their Skill and ingenuity in all manual Arts; wherein they seem to excell the comon Artificers in Europe; and Somtimes outdo the most Ingenious; tho they use but very few, & these but clumsy tools in finishing the nicest pieces of work: their Skill this way shows a quickneſs of fancy and Invention, greater than is to be found

Found among the comon people in Europe: but they are no less remarkable for their Skill in Arithmatick, and their easy compendious way of Calculating the most difficult Summ and proportions after a manner unknown to Europeans: This is reckoned but a vulgar attainment; there being great Numbers that excell in it. And they show no less Art and address in their comon affairs and business, some of them are Masters of a more refined policy and deeper dissimulation than most can imagine And all of them as far as I could ever observe, show greater Sagacity a quicker fancy, and readier apprehension even of Moral Truths, than our Comon people at home do: I was never better pleased than in seeing (for tho I heard, I did not understand) Mr. Ziegenbalg preach to a Croud of them: for they showd so much attention, and seemed so extremely pleased with his undertaking a Voyage from Europe to instruct them and with his humble familiar way of conversing with them in their own language, and (as he afterwards told me) they understood him so easily, and made such pertinent objections about the Resurrection, and other points that I thought it was great pity, such numbers of ingenious, and seemingly well disposed people should not have some able Missionaries sent out to instruct ym.

The Absurdity of their Superstitions

4. Seeing they are so Sagacious and inquisitive it cannot be thought strange that the grossness of their Superstition, and their absurd, belief should give me some hopes of their Conversion for thô they are not capable of making such just reflections as might undeceive them and free them from the lasting prejudices of Education: yet if they were addresst to with powerful arguments, there could be no difficulty in convincing them that their Fore-Fathers were imposed upon, and that their Notions & practices are foolish and absurd. I do not find that they believe any thing so grossly stupid as Transubstantiation nor do the Romish proselytes know any thing of that Strange Doctrine. None of the Natives that I have talkt with, will own that they really worship Idols. They say that they Acknowledge but one Supreme God the God of the Christians, who made the world: and thô their Histories mention other Gods; and that the populace pay a religious kind of respect to some Statues & animals the wiser sort know that their inferior Deities were but Hero's, Kings, & Famous Men, who were taken into Heaven, & rewarded by the Great God of all. And they solve their worshipping of Statues & Images of these Deities, by the very same Argumts that the Papists defend their worship of the Cross Saints & Images: So that 'tis hard to tell whether the usual distinctions

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upon this point were originally Romish or Indian. But tho' the popish Missionaries can use no Argum^{t}. against the Heathen Idolatry but what may be answer'd by the help of their own distinctions and urged with equal force against their own more sottish Idolatry; yet a protestant might easily confute both, by Argum^{ts}. drawn from Scripture and Reason, with such force and Evidence as an honest Heathen cou'd not withstand tho' a true papist probably wou'd. But to proceed;

Their austere way of Life.

5. The austere and abstemious Life that the Indians generally lead gives me some reason to believe that they might easily be converted to the Christian Faith and practice They would find no manner of difficulty in the hard & shocking Doctrines of Temperance, self denial, poverty and Contempt of the world: for these unpleasant duties are in a manner natural to them. Rice is their dayly food: their head & middle only are cover'd wth. linnen they ly upon the ground; and for houses have only such hutts to cover them, as can screen them from the Cold winds & Rain. Even the persons of distinction among them (who are but few) live much after ye same way; having only their Bodies entirely cloathed; & a few roots to eat with their Rice; wch. the rest cannot purchase. Now seeing they are thus contented & happy with the meer necessaries of life, they do not ly under any temptation to Covetousness pride, Ambition or Envy. Their affections may be more easily disengaged from the world; in wch. they seem to live with very great indifference; having seldom any prospect or foresight beyond the present day; the Necessaries whereof they procure by their Labour & toil. Many of them indeed, do indulge themselves in Lewdness; and some of them have several wives but I believe they tollerate these practices among them only because they reckon them lawful: for they punish Adultry with death; and in all these matters seem to act very much according to ye Jewish Law, thô they know nothing of it.

Their dispassionate & easy temper

6. Another thing wch. I believe must somew^{t}. dispose them to embrace the Doctrine of the Gospel is, their evenness of temper, & freedom from violent Anger to wch Europeans are generally subject. They reckon passionate Rage to be a mean unmanly thing; and can scarce help smiling w^{n}. they see ~~others~~ others angry and railing at y^{m} in the severest manner, they take every thing in good part, and do not

Not seem to be moved by the highest provocation. Among themselves indeed they sometimes quarrel and fall into the most outragious passion, tho' this happens but seldom; and only among the meaner Sort. If ever passion rages among all sorts of them, it is upon Account of their Casts: for wch they think that they cannot show too much Zeal & concern. But in their ordinary Conversation, they show the greatest temper, mildness, Humility and Good Nature. I donot believe that they practise these Virtues upon true principles: nor do I know whether such behaviour can in them be reckoned Virtuous; seeing it seems to arise out of their natural temper; and prevents their own reflection nay it is oftimes practised through cunning and Hypocrisy. But I'm sure that upon so good a Stock of Natural Dispositions as they generally have the Christian Virtues might be easily graffed & cultivated to the best purposes.

Their Sense of Moral truths.

7. In fine, their Acknowledgm^{t} of One true God and of a future State; and the just notions they have of many Moral virtues, gives us reason to believe that they are already somewhat prepared for embracing the other principles of the Christian Religion. Nor have they only a Notion of these things, but show as great regard to them in their practice as most Christians do: for seeing we ought to judge of people's perswasion and Sentim.^{ts} by their Actions and behaviour, I must own that there seem to be as just, Charitable, & sober people among the Heathens as among those who profess Christianity.

Now seeing our Holy Religion is so agreeable to Reason, & that we may well expect the Almighty will accompany the preaching of it with uncommon measures of Grace & Spiritual assistance: Seeing the people to whom we ought to preach the Gospel are daily capable of Conviction; and that their austre Life their freedom from the worst of passions, and their sacred regard to the most fundamental Truths of Natural Religion, do in a great measure dispose & prepare them for the reception of the Gospel; we have all the reason imaginable to hope for their Conversion; if this great and glorious work were carried on with that Zeal and diligence it deserves.

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Proposals

Having thus pointed out to you the Chief hindrances to the propagation of the Gospel in this part of the world; and the great encouragem^{t} we have to attempt it, I shall now propose to you those Methods that I think might be most effectual in prosecuting this Necessary Work.

An United Society.

To begin then at the very Source & foundation of it. it will be thought proper, I suppose, and practicable, to Unite the Hearts & endeavours of the several Societies in England, Denmark, and Germany who have engaged to support the protestant Mission. So that laying aside all distrust and Jealousy of one another concerning the point of national Honour in carrying on this Design; and all partiality & prejudices in favour of their Several Schemes and opinions: they may agree to promote the Glory of God and the Conversion of the Heathens by all proper Methods and persons, without any disputing about Rights precedence or Superiour Direction. Such an Union may be begun and continued by frequent Correspondence and friendly comunication of advice and assistance to each other; and by such Regulations as they shall agree upon for the most Speedy and Successful managment of their affairs.

A Sufficient Fund.

When One common Society for promoting the protestant Mission is thus happily formed, One of the first things that can fall under their Consideration is, how they may raise a Sufficient Fund for carrying on so great a Work: towards wch it is but reasonable to expect that all Charitable Christians will readily contribute. It is not possible to make an exact Calculation of the Annual Expences that will be necessary to Subsist the Missionaries and others to be employed under them: but their yearly charge here in India cannot be computed at less — than 2000 £.

Colleges to train up Missionaries.

Besides this Fund for Expences it were to be wish't that there were Colleges erected in Europe for training up Missionaries and teaching the Languages that are necessary for them. vizt the Malabar, Gentue, Moor's & Portugues Tongues; in each of wch they ought to be somew. instructed before they come abroad

Number of Missionaries.

From such Seminaries the Mission must be Supplyed from time to time with at least Eight well qualified Missionaries to reside in India: and if a greater Number could be sent out, they might be very usefully employed in so great a Harvest as here offers it self.

Their Stations

Two Of these Missionaries will always find Sufficient employm^t at Tranquebar: where a College might be erected for training up Catechists and School masters for the Service of the Mission: There will be occasion for another Missionary to reside at Fort St George (& perhaps for one at Fort St David;) to educate School Masters take the Charge of the Schools to be erected in & about these Settlements, and to facilitate a Correspondence among the other Missionaries; whose

whose buſineſs it must be to travel up into the Countrey with Catechist and aſsistants, there to preach to the Natives, settle Schools in their Villages, and distribute among them abstracts of the Christian Religion &c.a

A Superior power to be lodged some-where.

For the better Managment of the whole work the Miſsionarie who shall reside at Fort S.t George, and One of those at Tranquebar must be invested with a Sufficient Authority over the rest; to direct their progreſs & Stations; determine their differences, and negotiate the affairs of the Miſsion: And it seems no leſs neceſsary that One of them be Ordained a Bishop; to give Orders to Gentile-Proselytes.

Books of Piety to be Agreed on in Europe.

To prevent all Disputes about Religion and further the propagation of it among the Natives, it will be neceſsary that not only a Short Abstract of the Christian Doctrine, but likewise a larger Catechism containing all proper (especially practical) Instruction, be composed by some Judicious Members of the Society in Europe, for the use of the Miſsion: and that no Sort of Books be printed at Tranquebar, or used by any of the Miſsionaries but such as shall be approved and recommended by the Society.

Protection from the Governm.ts in India.

That the Itinerant Miſsionaries Catechists &c.a may not be molested nor interrupted in their Work, they must be powerfully recommended to the favour and protection of the Governours at Fort S.t George & Tranquebar; who by their Letters Testimonial and recommendatory may procure not only protection from the Governours of the Inland Provinces; but likewise their favour & good will to the Miſsionaries and their Aſsistants. The Society may depend upon Governour Collet's favour.

Character of the Miſsionaries.

Seeing the whole Succeſs of the Miſsion must depend upon the abilities and good Conduct of the persons to be employed in it, the greatest care must be taken in chusing them: that so none may be sent out but such as are not only Learned and laborious but likewise remarkable for their prudence, good temper and Christian Zeal.

punctual Correspondence to be held among 'em

It will be neceſsary for the Miſsionaries to hold a punctual Correspondence, and frequent Conferences with One another on any particular emergency: and that the Itinerant Miſsionaries keep exact Journals of their progreſs and transmit copies of them from time to time, both to Fort S.t George & Tranquebar; to be thence forwarded to the Society in Europe.

Their particular Employments.

One of the most effectual ways the Miſsionaries can to propagate the Gospel among the Natives and procure their good will, is to begin Charity Schools in their Villages; to Sta several days at one place among them in teaching & instructing more advanced in age; and to leave a School-Master in every considerable place to teach their Children to read, write, and accompts after their own way: to wch Villages the Miſsiona ought to return again and again to visit instruct and encoura such as seem inclined to embrace the Christian Religion; and leave a Catechist among them when they make Converts; or or him a Minister and Settle a Church, in any place where they with Sufficient Succeſs.

Strict Diſcipline to be Observed.

It being absolutely neceſsary that they who undertake the Conversion of the Heathens live strictly according to that pu and holy Religion they teach and profeſs, the Miſsionaries must n only set a Shining Example of Piety and all heroick virtue; but they must keep up the Strictest Order and Discipline among those that assist them; lest any disorder in their liv should give offence and Scandal to the Natives, and obstruct their Conversion. And therefore none ought to be employed as Catechists or School-Masters till they give Sufficient proo of their Sincerity and Stedfastneſs.

Thus S^{r}. I have freely communicated to You my thoughts concerning the most effectual way of propagating the Gospel: wch I freely Submit to the judgment of the Honourable Society. I am sensible that the proposals I have made are defective in many particulars: for I designed only to mention such things as to me seem Eſsential and absolutely neceſsary. I shall take occasion to write to You again by the Prince Frederick. mean time S^{r}. I'm

Your most obedient Servant

Fort S^{t}. George ye 27th of Decemb^{r}:
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5260. John Rogers at Brentford Middx 25. June. Thanking the Society for the Packet. And acquainting them with the ~~Present~~ State of the Receipts and Disbursements on Account of the Charity Schools there last Year; by which it appeared there remaind in the Trear's hands last Apr — 71^{li}. 6^{s}: 8^{d}. which is above 3 more than was in his hands upon ~~in~~ auditing the Accounts Apr 17 That the proprietor of the room where the children now meet ~~being~~ wanting the Place for another use, and being also found too Close for the Children The Trustees are now endeavoring to raise by Subscripcon so much money as will purchase a small peice of Ground and house for their Purpose.

5261. Robert Watts at Great Gidding Hunts 1. July. Giving a further account of his Observacons concerning Charity Schools in his late Journey to and from Oxford. That by a Legacy of 50^{li} ℘ Ann. in land left by the late Dr. South, the School at Islip in Oxfordsh: is augmented to 21. Boys of that Parish. The Minister of which is Dr Rye Chaplain to the Bp of Oxford whom he recomends for a Corresponding or rather a Res: Member of the Society. And that if Mr. Chamberlayne would procure the Consent of the Reverend Dr Charlet Mar. of University Colledge and Vice Chancellor of Oxford to be a Corresponding Member, he would be a very usefull one there That in the Parish of St. Martins in that City there is a School for 40. Boys founded by Alderman Nixon 1658. And Endowd by him and his Wife with 40^{li} ℘ Ann. — That there's another School in the same Parish for 40. Girls taught Cloathd and Set to Work by most of the Parishes of the City paying into ye Trustees of Aldn. Nixon's School (which are the Corporation) half a poors rate yearly. That a 3d School was Erected 1711 in St Michael's parish for 50 B. Cl: and taught. Concerning which as well as the Working School, Mr. Thomas if desired will give a more ℘ticular account. That at Whitney in Oxfordsh: 10. poor Boys are taught and Cloathd at the Charge of the Reverend Dr Friend, Master of Westmr. School.

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Answd. 6. July To thank Mr. Watts for this Accot. & to desire him to signify whether he has obtained Dr. Rye's Consent to be a Corresponding Member.

Wrote ye 9th July That Mr. Thomas be wrote to for a particular Accot. of the work done by the Children of St. Martins Parish Oxon

5262. Richard Peers at Faringdon Berks: 2. July. In answer to the Society's of the 29th. June. That having procured Subscripcons for 32£. ꝑ ann. towards a Charity School in his Parish, it was opened on Midsomerday last for 25. Boys taught and partly cloathed. That he reced the Packet from Mr. Downing And desires the undernamed Books may be sent to him to be paid for with the rest. Viz.t

50. Chh Catechisms
25. Turner's Spelling Books without ye Gramar at the End if they may be so had.

5263. Tho: Allen at Kettering Northtonsh: 1. July. In answer to the Society's first General Letter. That he readily Concurrs with them in Promoting their designs. That his parish was reckoned about 7. Years agoe to consist of 730. Familys which is since considerably Increast, and has a large Chh and Congregacon with 4. Meeting places for Independants: Quakers and Anabaptists. That having distributed among them the tract which he dedicated to the Society about two Years agoe Intituled The Practice of an Holy Life, it has very much tended to soften their Prejudices to the Chh of Engd. That there's a free School in that Town endowed with about 50£. ꝑ ann. which being restrained to teach Latin only renders it almost useless. That the Honble Mr. Wentworth having a great Estate in that Neighborhood tho' not in his Parish, he beleives upon Application of some of ye Members of the Society, that Gentleman would be prevaild on to Encourage the Erecting of a Charity School. That there's a

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Cha: School for 60 Girls at Arleborough, where the Children are taught and Cloathed, and set to work ~~by the produce of their Labour~~. That two Ladys at London & Mr. Trigg a private Pson in that parish at ye first Ereccon, gave 2/6 Entrance for every Girl, and about 2d. ꝑ week, & the Girls friends to have the benefit of their work. That ye Mistress now Contents her self with only ye 2d. ꝑ week without the Entrance money, and the Children earn about 5. or 6. pence a day each so that they half maintain some of their Parents.

Answd. 23. July.

A Second General Letter

Referd to the Comee.

Wrote the 6th. of July

To desire Mr. Allen to Inform the Society what the Children are employed about, and to be as ꝑticular as he can

— That Mr. Trigg has lately built them a School house And the Ladys send them Books &c. from London. The Children Eat at home, and the Parents find it their Interest as well as Duty to be Industrious.

An Abstract of the proceedings of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge for 2. Quarters ending the last Thursday in December 1716.

Charity Schools reported to be Erected

Schools	Children B.	G				
1	12.	12	At Southwick in Hampshire			
2	10.	10	At Feversham in Kent cloathd			

Charity Schools reported to be Erecting

Schools	Children				
1	40.	In the Hamblet of Wapping Stepney designd to be Encreased to 50. Subscriptions ꝑ annum	125"	—	—

Note where Schools are mentiond & no Subscripcons 'tis because the Society as yet have had no Account thereof.

Collections at Sermons preachd by the Right Reverend the Bishops & others of ye Reverend Clergy during the time aforesd towards the Support of several Charity Schools in and about London

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NB. there have been many more Colleccons made in and about London & Westmr. the ꝑticulars whereof are not yet come to the Knowledge of the Society

Residing Members admitted the last Six Months — 8.

Corresponding Members Chosen in ye Same time — 8.

Legacyes to Charity Schools

By Mr. Smith of the parish of St. Ann's Westmr. deced To the several Charity Schools following Vizt.

	£	£
St. Ann's Westminster	100..	
St. Martins in the Fields	100..	
St. Giles's in the Fields	100..	
St. Andrews Holborn	100..	
St. James's Clerkenwell	100..	
St. Sepulchers London	100..	
Alhallows Barkin London	100.	700..

Casual Benefacons to the Society —— 9.. 6.. -

Benefacons to the Protestant Mission to the East Indies —— 21.. 19. 6

Books & Papers bought & printed by order of the Society. ——

500. Copies of the 2d. part of Pietas Hallensis

500. Ditto of the 3d. part.

5000. Prayers for the use of Charity Schools.

Books presented to the Society.

1. Copy of Diſsertatio Juridica de Officio Judicis &c. presented by m^r. Osterwald Junior the Author

200. Copys in Quires of Grotius de veritate Religionis Christianæ. Translated into Arabick, presented by m^r Smith a Chymist

30. Copies of the late D^r. Worthington's Book Entituled, The Doctrines of the Resurrecõn and the reward to come considerd as the Grand Motives to an Holy Life presented by his Son m^r. John Worthington, to be sent to Jamaica.

Packetts sent theſe 2. last Quarters

34. Extraordinary Packetts

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